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## Crawford County gets haunted

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

What is fun? For some people, fun is found in the simple things such as a relaxing day spent fishing on the AuSable River. For others, fun might involve running blindly through the woods while fleeing from a chainsaw-wielding clown.

Those who fall into the second category are in luck. The county's evil clown population has gone up by at least one this Halloween season. The percentage of cackling witches and headless horsemen roaming the local forests has skyrocketed as well. Thanks to two elaborate "haunted woods" projects, one in Beaver Creek and one at Wellington Farm Park, Crawford County currently has plenty to offer in terms of spine-tingling thrills.

The first of these holiday horror spots is the second annual "Beaver Creek Haunted Woods." This spook show, located near the Moose Lodge, came to life last weekend and will continue to run every weekend through Halloween. The cost is five dollars per person and it runs from dark until 11 p.m.

This particular domain of terror is a large sprawling footpath through the woods, haunted by nearly 30 volunteer spooks. The scope of the project is so large that volunteers began setting up

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Photo by Matt Seager

Scott Cinciala plays a chainsaw-wielding clown at the Beaver Creek Haunted Woods. Both Beaver Creek and Wellington Farm Park are hosting an assortment of ghouls who range from chilling to terrifying this Halloween season.

## Judge upholds pot charges against former cop

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

The use of a confidential informant and dealing with a chronic illness was the focus of an argument seeking to dismiss marijuana dealing charges against a former Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy.

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen, after a two and half hour hearing on Monday, denied a motion to dismiss two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture marijuana for William John Bonkowski III.

Bonkowski worked as a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy between September 1996 and December 2006. He retired from his position due to medical issues.

Bonkowski was a school liaison officer during his tenure with the sheriff's department, assigned to the AuSable Primary School and the Grayling Elementary School from 2001 to 2004. Part of his duties as the school officer included teaching the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program to children.

Bonkowski was arrested in February as part of a drug round up conducted by the Strike Investigative Narcotics Group (STING) and Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies.

James Hunt, a Traverse City defense attorney representing Bonkowski, argued that police

used impermissible conduct in order to arrest the former officer. Specifically, Hunt said that police used a confidential informant, who Bonkowski knew had been dealing with ongoing battles with cancer, to entice an otherwise law-abiding citizen to commit a crime. The Crawford County Avalanche has chosen not to identify the informant, who testified during Monday's court hearing.

Bonkowski, who also testified at the hearing Monday, was born with polycystic kidney disease, which caused cysts to form on his kidneys. Both of his kidneys have been removed and he undergoes dialysis three times a week. Bonkowski has also undergone two surgeries to repair his heart.

Bonkowski said he started smoking marijuana late last year after learning it was used for medicinal purposes legally in California. He said he discussed using marijuana with his doctor and opted to go that route to deal with excessive weight loss, lack of appetite and depression.

Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss asked Allen to compel Bonkowski to reveal the supplier of the marijuana, saying he could not invoke his Fifth Amendment constitutional right from self incrimination.

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## Cat haven offers shelter to stray animals

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Delores Guay loves cats. She loves them so much, in fact, that she has dedicated her life and her home to caring for stray and feral cats that would otherwise be forced to survive in the wilderness.

She is the operator of Leaning Oaks Cat Haven, an accredited nonprofit organization located near the Moose Lodge on Old 27. The facility is currently home to over 50 cats, with expansion plans well underway.

"We are building, building, building," said Guay.

Leaning Oaks Cat Haven has been a major operation for about a year, but Guay has dedicated about four years of her life to the project so far.

"It's a hard life out there with the coyotes and everything else," said Guay.

When she watched a coyote kill a kitten near her house four years ago, she decided that it was time to take action.

"I said, that's enough of that. I can't have it," said Guay.

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Delores Guay feeds a few of the cats who live at the Leaning Oaks Cat Haven. "There's a lot of these that are feral. You wouldn't know it, though. Not if they're babies when I get them," said Guay.

## Hurricane helper returns to Grayling

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

An emergency technician for Mobile Medical Response recently returned to the community after providing a helping hand to Hurricane Gustav and Hurricane Ike evacuees in Mississippi and Texas.

Denise DeMara spent just over a month providing relief to hurricane victims and was among a group of 15 Mobile Medical Response employees who went on the disaster relief mission.

DeMara received a call that  
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Photo by Dan Sanderson

Denise DeMara spent just over a month providing relief to hurricane victims and was among a group of 15 Mobile Medical Response employees who went on the disaster relief mission. Above, DeMara is pictured with her daughter, Danielle Cinciala, age 10, who stayed with grandparents Nancy and Bob Cinciala in Grayling while her mother was in Mississippi and Texas.

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## CCEDP to celebrate micro-enterprises

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) will celebrate National Micro-Enterprise Day by hosting an open house, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the CCEDP office, to draw community attention to the local impact of the community's micro-businesses.

Studies show that money spent at a locally owned business stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the community. A 2002 case study in Austin, Texas, showed that for every \$100 in consumer spending at a local bookstore, the economic impact within the community is \$45 compared to only \$13 for a national chain. In economically distressing times, when we must purchase food, products and services, the best option is to purchase locally, leveraging our pocketbook for the health of our local economy.

Small and micro-businesses account for the largest share of net new jobs generated each year and locally based businesses provide some of the most stable employment opportunities in a community. Micro-business owners are the foundation of the American economy. They create new jobs, develop new industries, develop new technologies and develop new solutions for local and global problems. They create opportunities for our youth, the unique neighborhoods in our cities and our vibrant rural communities. They are the family farmer, the quilt maker and the honey producer. They run grocery stores, small motels, restaurants and small manufacturing plants. The neighborhood florist, the wedding planner and the jewelry maker are the men and women who protect, nurture and rejuvenate the American Dream.

Small businesses are the economic engine of the U.S. and nothing embodies the American Dream more than small business ownership. Our nation's smallest of small businesses, micro-enterprises (businesses with five or less employees), may be relatively small, but they are making a very large difference when it comes to job creation and helping our nation's struggling economy.

There are an estimated 24 million micro-enterprises in the U.S. today, representing 18 percent of all private sector employment. One out of every six private sector workers is employed by a micro-enterprise. More than 87 percent of all businesses in the U.S. today are micro-enterprises. More than 3.8 million new jobs were created in the U.S. by micro-enterprises between 2000 and 2005. On average, micro-enterprises are responsible for 900,000 new jobs created per year. Over \$300 million in loans have been made by micro-enterprise development organizations.

During this time of economic instability, we must invest in the businesses that will produce jobs and support our communities and their economies. The micro-enterprise industry has a three to one return to our national economy for every federal dollar dedicated to it. As new federal support becomes available, the industry leverages it with private investment and its own income generation to create a sustaining and growing pool of funds that continue to generate the entrepreneurial spirit for the inspired American Dream.

Every day we pick up the newspaper and read about the deepening affect of the current financial crisis. In our community, businesses will close when they cannot find the credit necessary to meet payrolls and families are worried about their mortgages and sending their kids to school.

What we do not read about is that part of the economy which is working — about the local economic heroes — the micro-entrepreneurs. These micro and small businesses have in the past, and will again, stabilize our local economy, create jobs and spur economic growth. America needs these businesses more than ever and they in turn need the resources of the micro-enterprise industry.

Locally, the Crawford County Economic Development Fund (EDF) has money available to loan qualifying businesses, including micro-enterprises. For more information, contact County Administrator Paul Compo by e-mail at pcompo@crawfordco.org or by phone at 344-3202.

The Small Business Administration defines a micro-loan as \$35,000 or less. Micro-loans specifically target aspiring and existing entrepreneurs who would otherwise face difficulty obtaining access to capital.

According to 2005 U.S.

Census Bureau and Dept. of Commerce data, micro-enterprise businesses total 1,080 in Crawford County. This means 87.8 percent of all county businesses are classified as micro-enterprises — slightly higher than the state average of 87.13 percent. Of this 87.8 percent, 876 have no employees and 204 employ one to four persons. Three hundred fifty-four Crawford County businesses have employees.

CCEDP assists the existing business community by preparing a customized Business Solutions Proposal (BSP) to assist businesses in becoming more productive and profitable. A BSP identifies growth opportunities, facilitates growth, facilitates technical assistance and creates personalized staffing and training proposals. To schedule a BSP appointment for your business, contact Gaila Gilliland at gailag@i2k.com or by phone at 348-9030.

According to Boomtown Institute, "entrepreneurs are blossoming all over the world. These tens of millions of new entrepreneurs are improving their lot in life and are going to be spending and investing trillions of dollars in the next several years. That is trillions as in \$1,000,000,000,000 (twelve zeros is a trillion)." How can local entrepreneurs capitalize on this opportunity? CCEDP also assists entrepreneurs in developing a business concept into a business reality. For more information, contact Gilliland at 348-9030.

We know that each of us will have to make changes to get our economy back on track. One simple change we can each make is to commit to patronizing our local businesses. This simple act will stimulate the economy, provide additional resources for the entrepreneur to create jobs and help rebuild America's economy.

## County's unemployment rate near state average

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Jobs seem to be on everyone's

mind lately, from private citizens to presidential candidates. A recent report reveals that in August, Crawford County stood at the middle of the road for unemployment numbers in Michigan.

According to statistics published by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG), Crawford County was ranked number 49 out of 83 states for unemployment in August. The unemployment rate was 8.9 percent.

Mackinac County had the lowest unemployment rate at 4.5 percent. At 12.5 percent, Baraga county was the highest.

These numbers represent a seasonal decline in unemployment rates. This means that unemployment generally tends to be higher in July than in August.

According to DLEG labor market analyst Jim Rhein, this seasonal decline in unemployment is the result of a retooling and vacation period for auto-workers in July. When they

return to work in August, unemployment rates go down.

The effects of this yearly cycle can be felt as far north as Crawford County.

"That does impact even the northern lower areas," said Rhein.

Unemployment rates in Crawford County, as well as the rest of the state, were much higher this year than last August.

"In this case, unfortunately, it just denotes weakness in the state's labor market just about everywhere," said Rhein.

Unemployment rose in Crawford County a full two percent from last August.

"What you're going to see in Crawford County, like in many areas, is a pretty significant (unemployment) uptick," said Rhein.

Still, with the entire economy struggling, Crawford County appears to be doing as well or better than many of the counties in the state.

"Crawford's not alone," said Rhein.

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# Crawford County gets haunted

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the site as early as June. In addition to the aforementioned clown, it is loaded with werewolves, hungry cannibals, winged demons and masked stalkers.

"If you don't want to get scared, don't go in," said event volunteer Butch Hilliker.

Hilliker said that event volunteers are careful to tone down the haunted woods for small children. Volunteers stated that their ultimate goal is fun, not to scar children for life. Nonetheless, they emphasized that the fear creates the fun.

"People just like spook houses and haunted woods ... so we figured, well, we'll give 'em one to remember," said event organizer Tom Cojocar.

Although the ghouls who inhabit these woods may look like they have nothing but vengeance on their minds, they are actually stalking their prey for a good cause. Each year, the proceeds for the event benefit a local charity.

"We're very gratified that we have the ability and the means of helping somebody," said Hilliker.

This year, proceeds from the event will benefit the Grayling Food Pantry as well as needy single-parent families who have been selected by event volunteers. Cojocar developed the idea for the haunted woods after participating in a similar project in a different community.

He felt that it would be a great way to make a difference while having some fun.

"I really love the Halloween thing," said Hilliker.

And there's plenty of Halloween to go around. For those who prefer spooky chills over terrifying thrills, Wellington Farm Park has the goods for the perfect family-oriented haunting.

"The Haunting of Wellington" runs on Friday and Saturday for the next two weeks from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. It is also running at this time from Tuesday, Oct. 28, through Friday, Oct. 30. The cost is five dollars per person.

"It's different than anything else you're gonna see," said Wellington Farm Park General Manager Mike Reinhardt.

From the visitor's center, guests are shuttled to a haunted cemetery. In the distance, guests might spot a headless rider who roams the park on a silver horse.

"It kind of just glows in the moonlight," said Reinhardt.

Reinhardt warned that the headless horseman might not be appearing every night, so for those who are determined to see the ghostly rider, it is best to call ahead. The entire area is lit by nearly 100 hand-carved jack-o-lanterns and is inhabited by a skeleton band and an assortment of creepy characters.

"We have this witch who has the greatest cackle in the world," said Reinhardt.

As they explore the haunted terrain, guests are welcome to cider and donuts. They also have the opportunity to bob for apples, which is a fall tradition that came into mainstream popularity in the 1930s.

"The stuff we do is more oriented to the period of the park," said Reinhardt.

Parents shouldn't be too wor-



**This Beaver Creek werewolf has an appetite for destruction. Haunted Woods volunteers are sure to tone down the action for small children, but it won't be easy to avoid a few scares. The Haunting of Wellington might be a better choice for the faint of heart.**

ried about young kids, either. Although the park will offer plenty of chilling sights, nobody jumps out at guests.

"Our goal is not to make people cry," said Reinhardt. "The whole idea of the park is to be family friendly and educational."

The experience is rounded out by a hayride offered to all park visitors. Overall, it has come to be a very popular Halloween event.

"Last year, we had a great turnout," said Reinhardt.

He believes that Halloween has a certain universal appeal.

"I think it's an escape. It's one time out of the year when you can kind of let go and dress as whatever you want to be."

Reinhardt, who has an engineering background, said that he has a great interest in setting up some of the mechanical guests that haunt the park. Nonetheless, this confessed horror movie junkie admits that his love of the project is not purely academic.

"Halloween is my favorite holiday," said Reinhardt.

## Judge upholds pot charges against former cop

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Huss argued. Allen did not demand Bonkowski reveal the supplier, ruling that it had little evidence or value if there was police entrapment in the case.

"It was given to me by somebody who cared about me and my life," Bonkowski said.

Bonkowski said that he did not use or sell marijuana while working as a sheriff's deputy. He said he knew the informant as a teenage friend and also did not sell marijuana as a teenager.

"Back then, a lot of pot was going around and everybody smoked together," he said.

Bonkowski said he only smoked marijuana, among friends and with the informant, twice since the fall of 2007. The informant claimed that he smoked marijuana with Bonkowski at least 50 times in the last five years. He also claimed that Bonkowski sold him a bag of marijuana while camping at Lake Margrethe.

Hunt argued that police used the informant to specifically target Bonkowski and played on his sympathy to help a sick friend. He noted that the informant was arrested on the same drug delivery charge on Aug. 9, 2007. An arrest warrant was not issued in the case until Nov. 29, 2007. The informant was not arrested for

the charge until Feb. 25, 2008, just days before Bonkowski was arrested. The informant was also given a plea agreement to a misdemeanor use or possession of marijuana charge, his sentence was deferred and the charge will ultimately be dropped if he meets the conditions of his probation.

Bonkowski said that he only agreed to meet and sell the informant marijuana due to his medical issues.

"I was assuming that he was using to relieve the symptoms," Bonkowski said. "He had come over and I decided I would help him out."

Bonkowski said he was shocked by the informant's appearance when he came to his house.

"I felt sorry for him," Bonkowski said. "Apparently, he was sick as I was, I thought, or worse."

Bonkowski said the marijuana he sold the informant was for his personal use. Authorities argue that a note found in Bonkowski's bedroom, containing prices and different amounts of marijuana, indicate he was involved in dealing on a larger scale.

Huss and STING officers argued that police did not know that the informant had arranged the deal to buy marijuana from Bonkowski until after the arrangements for the buy were

made.

"When I was told it was Bill Bonkowski, my jaw hit the floor," said Deputy Ryan Finstrom, a Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the STING unit who worked with Bonkowski as a deputy. "I couldn't believe it."

Finstrom said he knew that the informant had health issues and had been dealing with other problems.

Finstrom said the lapse in time from when the informant was contacted by police for selling marijuana and arrested on the warrant was due to the use of Byrne grant funding, federal funding used to support multi-jurisdictional drug teams such as STING.

A trial for Bonkowski's case has been scheduled for Dec. 10-12.

While denying the dismissal motion Monday, Allen said she would later take up other pre-trial issues with the case. A digital recording of the transaction between Bonkowski and the informant is being sent to a Michigan State Police crime lab in Lansing in order to have background noise removed from the recording. Allen said that attorneys may be able to argue that a person committed perjury in Monday's hearing based on that testimony.

### Correction

In an article which ran in the Oct. 9 edition of the *Avalanche*, titled "The Monarch loses another 60 feet," it incorrectly said that the Monarch lost its top in 1992 as a result of a lightning strike. There was no evidence of damage from lightning. Park interpreters believe the tree lost its top in a severe windstorm.

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# ISSUES AND OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Six, not two, candidates running for president

MICHIGAN VOTERS have heard plenty about Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden, along with Republicans John McCain and Sara Palin, as the presidential tickets cross the country and flood the newspapers, magazines and airwaves with views and comments.

As voters, our choice is to vote for one team or the other, right? Well, not quite.

The Michigan ballot on Nov. 4 will offer four other options as well.

Along with the Republican and Democratic tickets, four other minor party candidates seek public support, but voters have heard very little about them.

So here's some information about those other third, fourth, fifth and sixth party candidates.

\* \* \*

**NATURAL LAW** - The most famous "other candidate" for president is Ralph Nader, running this year on the Natural Law party ticket. An experienced candidate, he ran in 1996 and 2000 for the Green Party, in 2004 as an independent, and now for the

Natural Law party.

Ralph Nader first came to national prominence attacking the auto industry for producing unsafe vehicles. Since then he has amassed a large number of public interest causes, including air and water pollution, safe food and drugs, nursing homes, and nuclear power.

Ralph Nader, 74, was born in Connecticut, educated at Princeton and Harvard, is an attorney, second generation Lebanese American who speaks Arabic, worked in Congress, and now is based in Washington.

His running mate on the Natural Law ticket for vice president is Matt Gonzalez, 43, of California, attorney, born in Texas of Mexican-American parents, Eagle Scout, graduate of Columbia and Stanford, and former Democrat. He is president of the San Francisco County Board of Supervisors, and was the first Green Party candidate elected to public office in the Bay Area.

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**GREEN PARTY** - Cynthia McKinney, 53, from Atlanta,

Green candidate for president, if elected would become America's first black woman president, and winning on an all-female ticket to boot.

Ms. McKinney was a US Representative for 12 years, the first black woman whom Georgia voters sent to Congress. She was against the Iraq war, and wanted to impeach President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Running for vice president on the Green ticket is Rosa A. Clemente, 38, of New York City, described by some of her biographical data as "a community organizer, journalist, and Hip Hop activist."

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**U.S. TAXPAYERS PARTY** - Charles (listed as Chuck on the ballot) Baldwin, 56, pastor of Crossroads Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla., is presidential candidate on the US Taxpayers slate, where he ran for vice president in 2004.

Mr. Baldwin was born in LaPorte, Ind., a few miles from Michigan's southern border, and

attended a Baptist college in Pontiac. He was graduated from Liberty University, and headed Moral Majority in Florida.

Running for vice president with Mr. Baldwin is Darrell L. Castle, 60, a practicing attorney in Memphis and native of Tennessee.

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**LIBERTARIAN PARTY** - Bob Barr, 59, of Atlanta, former US district attorney and congressman from Georgia, is Libertarian candidate for president.

Born in Iowa with a military father, Bob Barr has lived in Malaysia, Pakistan, Panama and was graduated from high school in Iran. He attended University of Southern California, George Washington University and Georgetown law school.

After losing a close Republican primary for US senate in Georgia, in 1994 Mr. Barr was elected to five terms in the US House of Representatives, and was a leader in the attempt to impeach President Clinton.

His vice president running

mate is Wayne A. Root, 47, New York native, who lost out to Bob Barr for president on the fifth ballot at the Libertarian nominating convention. His biographical information describes Mr. Root as "business mogul, television celebrity, TV producer, best selling author, and sports handicapper" now based in Las Vegas.

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**OTHER RACES** - The main reason taxpayers don't know much about these presidential hopefuls or their views, of course, is that they are not included in the presidential debates. They want to be.

They argue, with some merit, that as legitimate candidates for the highest office in the land, they should be accorded the same exposure rights as the big-party nominees, and the public has a right to hear them. Generally, they claim that if they could only be heard, they could make a difference - or at least their special positions could be aired.

Some of these four minor parties may not have qualified for the ballot in all 50 states, but they

did in Michigan.

These four minor parties also have candidates in the US senate election here in Michigan, where Democratic Sen. Carl Levin is the overwhelming favorite to win a sixth six-year term over Republican Jack Hoogendyke, Jr.

The Taxpayers and Libertarian parties also have nominated candidates for both of the two seats at stake on each of the State Board of Education and the three university governing boards - University of Michigan, Wayne and Michigan State.

The Green party nominated only one candidate for each of these three boards. The Natural Law party put up no candidates in Michigan other than the presidential ticket.

Minor party candidates also are listed on some congressional races in Michigan, but none in local races as a rule.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Important to know prior to the election

To the editor:

I, along with many of my friends and acquaintances, have been watching as the city and township fire department fiasco has played itself out for the past 10 months. After hearing that several of the city and township firefighters had approached a township trustee with information that Township Supervisor Terry Wright had provided them, I decided enough was enough.

According to my source, Wright told the firefighters if the township prevailed in its lawsuit against the city and the fire department was split, all the firefighters would be offered the opportunity to come over to the new township department on a full-time, full-pay basis. Wright was also reported to have said that he had come up with a method to fund the department without approval by the voters.

Finding this almost impossible to believe, I did some research on the Michigan Township Association's Web site and here is what I found.

Township's can create what's known as a "special assessment", which is a charge imposed on real property, to pay

the costs of a specific or public improvement, including fire services.

In her article in the Michigan Township News, dated October 2005 and titled "You Get What You Pay For: Special Assessment Fund Public Improvements," attorney Lynda E. Thomson of Kalamazoo writes, "Special assessments are not property taxes and therefore are not subject to the Headlee Amendment. Unlike property taxes, special assessments are not subject to rollback and do not require a vote of the electors."

PA 33 of 1951 (MCL 41.801, et seq) "Authorizes townships, individually or jointly with other townships, cities or villages, to purchase, house or operate police or fire equipment."

It is my opinion that Supervisor Wright intends to use this quasi "under the table" method to fund his fire department at our expense. I think it's important for the voting public to know this prior to the election on Nov. 4.

Paul Van Mill  
Grayling

### This costly case is still ongoing and needs to be withdrawn

To the editor:

It is unfortunate that Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Terry Wright is unwilling to work with his board and resolve the outstanding issue of fire protection services for the township. For under \$150,000 a year, the Township can sign a 10 year agreement with the City of Grayling, as they have since 1974, and receive excellent service for its residents.

Now, I hear Supervisor Wright wants to create a special assessment district and levy two mills for a township operated, full-time staffed fire department. Two mills will raise \$400,000 and, with the current contribution, this will give Mr. Wright \$550,000 to run his fire department. The problem is 12 FTE firefighters will cost over \$600,000 per year. Then, you have to pay for supplies, training, equipment, utilities and debt services, not to mention building one or two fire halls. It sounds like Mr. Wright wants a million dollar fire department, but he is

very short on funding. How will the balance be paid for? Through \$500 to \$1000 fire run charges to fire victims. The township only levies one mill to run its current operations.

Our township elected officials have to impose their will on Mr. Wright before this problem gets totally out of hand. Our area will not be better served with a split fire department and we cannot afford to go it on our own.

Mr. Wright led the charge and filed a suit in Circuit Court to divide the fire department and split the assets. The costly case is still ongoing and needs to be withdrawn. I am thankful the city is committed to continue providing fire protection services to the township while our board drags its feet, considering the agreement with the city that they have been reviewing since June.

Mr. Wright give it up. We have other pressing issues that we need to spend our time and limited funds addressing.

Paul H. Hetrick  
Grayling

### We're looking forward to the next Cemetery Walk

To the editor:

The downtown Mystery Mural that was sponsored by the Watershed Art Project is lovely. It's nice to have something unique and special about Grayling, and all of our downtown murals are just that. Travelers and tourists are attracted to towns that have something different and memorable. They are colorful, visible and don't cost a penny. We're glad that there are those who have pro-

vided us with these beautiful murals. Let's hope that there will be more.

We're also glad for the Crawford County Historical Society and another entertaining and educational Cemetery Walk. All of the volunteers did a great job and it was interesting to learn about Grayling's past. We look forward to the next one.

Jim and Florence Hough  
Grayling

### Statement made that township will raise taxes is not true

To the editor:

I read with great interest the letter about taxes, "Let's talk taxes, Mr. Wright," by Cheryl Ruley in the Oct. 9 edition of the Avalanche. She apparently doesn't know the law.

Several years ago, many of us statewide voted into law Proposal A which raised our sales tax to six percent, capped taxable values on property and reduced the ability of schools to raise operational funds through millage elections. Schools were to be funded on a per student basis to start to equalize the money per student of poor districts like ours with richer ones. Let's say the rest is history. We are still paying six percent, the taxable values are still capped and schools are still not equally funded.

The part of Proposal A that Mrs. Ruley doesn't understand is that the law says that taxable values will raise five percent or the inflation rate, whichever is the least. This will happen every

year no matter what the assessments are. The only time taxes will go up based on assessments is when a property is sold and then it will become uncapped and will be taxed at the assessed value.

In her letter, Mrs. Ruley commented on the salary and benefit package of the treasurer. As I recall, she was defeated in the August primary as a candidate for treasurer. If she had won the election, would she be making the same comments on this package? To say that the township is raising taxes to "fund the pay, medical benefits and retirement plans of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer" is a ridiculous statement.

I believe that Mr. Wright is doing an excellent job as our supervisor and voters should look at all the positive things that he has done for our township.

Ed Martella  
Grayling

### Not simply a "stroke of the assessor's pen"

To the editor:

Let me start out by saying that I am not coming to Mr. Wright's defense. Being the Equalization Director for Crawford County, I feel it is my responsibility to respond, in part, to Mrs. Ruley's comments in last week's paper. It does not simply take a "stroke of the assessor's pen" to raise the taxable value for a parcel of property. The taxable value can only increase from one year to the next by the consumer's price index (CPI) or five percent, whichever is less. The only way the taxable value may increase beyond the CPI is when there was an improvement not included in the previous assessment or the parcel of property transferred ownership. The CPI is dictated to us by Lansing. There is a State Tax Commission bulletin located on the internet that may help explain how it is derived:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Bulletin12InflationRate08\\_214821\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/Bulletin12InflationRate08_214821_7.pdf).

The taxable value of a property will always try to catch up to the state equalized value (SEV) in our present property tax system. Yes, it is true, the SEV can decrease while the taxable value increases trying to become the SEV's equal. I realize this is a very difficult concept for many people to understand. Unfortunately, this is the way our state legislators and policy makers in Lansing implemented Proposal A after it was passed by a vote of the people back in 1994.

"Taxes are the price we pay for civilization." Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Kevin G. Hunter, Director  
Crawford County  
Equalization Department

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# BRIEFS

## Church hosts annual Harvest Dinner

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, Michigan Avenue, Grayling, will host its annual Harvest Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The meal includes turkey and all the trimmings. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12, kids under six eat free. Take-out orders available between 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## Hearing and vision screening day to be held

The Crawford County Health Department will be holding a Hearing and Vision screening day on Friday, Oct. 17, for children ages 3 - 18. Call 348-7800 for an appointment.

## Straits Area Ostomy Assoc. to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m., in the cafeteria of Cheboygan Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited. Call Jack Bouck, at 989-821-5721, for more information.

## Hartwick Pines to host Halloween Walk

Hartwick Pines will host their fourth annual "Critters in the Forest" Halloween Walk on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There will be a jack-o-lantern lit walk through the forest while learning about some of the animals that make Michigan their home. Treat bags for the younger ones, cider and snacks for everyone while supplies last at the picnic area. For information, call 989-348-2537, e-mail Rob Burg at burgr@michigan.gov or e-mail Craig Kasmer at kasmerc@michigan.gov.

## TOPS Chapter 1496 to meet

TOPS Chapter 1496 will meet on Thursdays, from 4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church on Spruce Street. New members are welcome. For more information, call 348-1776 or 348-2985.

## Visit St. Vincent and the Grenadines

The Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series 36th season of Travel and Adventure will present "St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Caribbean Jewels", narrated by Steve Gonser, on the big screen at the Rialto Theatre, downtown Grayling, on Oct. 16. The show will begin at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors/students and are available uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door. For more information, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

## GPA taking tree reservations

The Grayling Promotional Association is calling upon all Festival of Trees sponsors and gift sponsors to reserve their trees. Space is limited. They have a limited amount of trees to be decorated on a first come basis. The festival runs Nov. 15 - Nov. 23. For information, contact April Bertram at 989-348-5725.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

## Kirtland to offer concealed pistol course

Kirtland Community College will again be offering a handgun safety class that fulfills the training requirements of Michigan's concealed pistol law (CPL).

Kirtland's Home Safety Firearms course is certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. The non-credit course, which will be held at the college's main campus near Roscommon, is designed to accommodate a wide range of experience.

In addition to classroom lecture and range practice, participants will receive training on a computerized firearms simulator. The class will meet Friday, Oct. 24, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

While state law requires eight hours of training, Kirtland's program offers additional material

and hands-on practice for a total of 12 hours. Participants must attend all sessions and pass written and practical exams to earn a certificate.

The cost is \$125 per person and includes training materials. A 15 percent discount is available to senior citizens. Pre-registration is required.

Participants should provide their own handguns, however, college-owned firearms will be available if needed. Registration fees include ammunition for 9mm, .40 and .45-caliber weapons. Trainees using other weapons will need to bring ammunition.

For more information or to register, contact Kirtland's Criminal Justice Office by calling 989-275-5000, extension 283, or via e-mail at [otts@kirtland.edu](mailto:otts@kirtland.edu).

## Arbor Day mini grant applications available

Applications are now available for Michigan's Arbor Day Mini Grant program. These grants are funded through the USDA Forest Service's State and Private Forestry Program.

The purpose of the Arbor Day Mini Grant program is to highlight Arbor Day and the role that trees and forests play in our everyday lives. Grants of up to \$200 may be requested for planting trees on public lands, hosting an Arbor Day celebration or purchasing natural resource-related materials for libraries.

Local units of government (city, township, village), public educational institutions (K-12, college, university), public libraries, nonprofit organizations, neighborhood organizations (501(c)(3) or equivalent), churches and tribes are eligible to apply.

Fifty grants will be awarded through a random selection

process. All grants require matching funds equal to the awarded amount. Matching funds may include cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal funds. Grant money will be paid upon project completion. Grant projects must be completed by June 30, 2009.

Visit the "Grants and Assistance" section of the DNR's Urban Forestry Web site at [www.mi.gov/dnrucf](http://www.mi.gov/dnrucf) to download the application and guidelines. To receive an application packet by mail, please contact Kevin Sayers at 517-241-4632 or [sayersk@mi.gov](mailto:sayersk@mi.gov).

To be considered for funding, completed grant applications must be received by Nov. 13, 2008.

Faxes, e-mails and late applications will not be accepted. We look forward to your participation in this opportunity to celebrate Arbor Day in Michigan.

# Hartwick Pines to host "Critters in the Moonlight" Halloween Walk

On Saturday, October 18, Hartwick Pines State Park will once again be hosting the annual "Critters in the Moonlight" Halloween Walk. This event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. While this program is especially focused for families with young children, all who come out will enjoy a jack-o-lantern lit walk through a portion of the Old Growth Forest and meet several of Michigan's forest animals. These animals, portrayed by costumed volunteers, will tell you a little about themselves to dispel some common misconceptions. These "critters" will include a bat, a skunk, a bear, a wolf, a snake, an owl, a spider, a vulture and others. After the walk, enjoy a cup of cider and a donut at the picnic shelter. Children are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes and will receive a treat bag while supplies last.

The "Critters in the Moonlight" Halloween Walk will be held at the park's picnic area. There is no admission for this program, however, a State Park Motor Vehicle Permit is required for park entry. This event is sponsored by the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan Department of History, Arts, and Libraries and the Friends of Hartwick Pines. For more information about this event and other programs at Hartwick Pines State Park and Logging Museum, please call 989-348-2537 or check the following Web sites: [www.michigan.gov/hartwick-pines](http://www.michigan.gov/hartwick-pines) or [www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum](http://www.michigan.gov/loggingmuseum). The Logging Museum is jointly operated by the DNR and the Michigan Dept. of History, Arts and Libraries' Michigan Historical Center and is a field-site of the Michigan Historical Museum.

The Department of History, Arts and Libraries is dedicated to enriching quality of life for Michigan residents and strengthening the economy by providing access to information, preserving and promoting Michigan's heritage and fostering cultural creativity. The department includes the Library of Michigan, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, the Michigan Film Office and the Michigan Historical Center. To learn more, visit [www.michigan.gov/hal](http://www.michigan.gov/hal).

## Mercy Hospital's Healing Touch Program hosts workshop

Ten years ago, Mercy Hospital Grayling quietly launched an alternative healing program few hospitals even knew about.

Now, the body/mind/spirit therapy known as Healing Touch is an integral part of the hospital's interdisciplinary rounds team.

Healing Touch is a nationally accredited nursing intervention and is a complementary energy therapy that is used in conjunction with traditional treatments or as a stand-alone approach. On Nov. 1, the community is invited to learn Healing Touch in a workshop designed to teach and practice the therapy.

With their hands, practitioners use light or near-body touch to help clear, balance and energize the human energy system. Healing Touch is rooted in the concepts of compassion, energy medicine, positive intention, touch, self-empowerment, the mind-body-spirit triad and the body's innate tendency toward healing, said Marian Long, RN, MSN, and Coordinator of the Holistic Clinical Practice.

"It's wonderfully relaxing and helps access the self-healing

process," said Long, who also uses guided imagery, essential oils and music to help patients achieve relaxation.

Though originally developed for nurses, anyone can learn Healing Touch, Long said. The program, being held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Crawford Room at Mercy Hospital Grayling, costs \$35 per person and is free for Mercy Hospital employees. Registrants should dress comfortably and bring a pillow and a blanket.

To register, or for more information, call Marian Long at 989-348-0428.

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# The Bible Speaks

## Suffering Creatures

The second coming of Jesus Christ and glorification of His saints is the great hope of planet earth and all God's creation. We remind you again of the context in Romans 8:17,18: "17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. 18For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Then the subject shifts in Romans 8:19 to include the rest of God's creatures on planet earth. "19For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

We are assured of a God-given prospect of hope for God's creation. "For the earnest expectation of the creature..." God's Holy angels are not included in this earnest expectation because they are eternally confirmed in holiness and need no redemption. Satan and the fallen angels or demons are not included as 2 Peter 2:4 says: "4For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

ment." This earnest expectation does not include ungodly persons who reject Jesus Christ: "18He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18). "36He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36). The earnest expectation in this context is not God's saints because they are already redeemed children of God.

The earnest expectation does include all God's creation animate and inanimate, organic and inorganic including all plants and animals etc. Many Holy Scriptures foretell this exciting event. "12For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (Isa. 55:12,13). "6The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and

the fating together; and a little child shall lead them. 7And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Isa 11:6-9). "3...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Micah 4:3).

Humans created in God's image for stewardship over creation, by their sin and fall brought disorder, destruction, and death upon themselves and the rest of creation. Now all creation waits for the return of Jesus Christ and "...the manifestation of the sons of God." Even so come Lord Jesus!!! Pastor "B"

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## OBITUARIES

### Harry L. Nuenke

Jan. 5, 1914 - Oct. 7, 2008  
Harry L. Nuenke, 94, of Traverse City, formerly of Bay City, went to be with his Lord and Savior on October 7, 2008.

He was born on January 5, 1914, in Bay City, to the late Louis and Molly (Hopp) Nuenke.

He married Frances Lorraine Bellenger in 1946. They resided in Bay City and enjoyed their cottage in Grayling before moving to Traverse City in 2006.

He retired from Resistant Welders in Bay City. He loved the north, the lakes and the woods where he spent many hours fishing and skiing.

He liked to play the harmonica, the accordion and enjoyed listening to Christian music. He was very involved in the Church of God in Saginaw, as well as Bay City, in his earlier years. Later, he found strength through Christ at Redeeming Love Christian Embassy of Bay City. He raised his girls to love the Lord and enjoy nature, skiing, music and one another. His presence on earth will be greatly missed.

He was the loving father of four daughters: Cindy Jacobs Burkett of Traverse City, formerly of Fla., Kim (Dave) Skrzypczak of Interlochen, Ruth (Steve) Doyle of Grayling,

Shelby (Bruce) Davison of Alaska; grandchildren: Matt (Audrey) Skrzypczak, Dr. Clay (Lisa) Skrzypczak, Sean Doyle, Zach Davison, Courtney Davison; great-grandchildren: Gabe, Lucas, Ashlyn, Rachael, Noah, Emma, Annabelle, Landon Skrzypczak; sister, Marge (Clarence) Sommers of Essexville; sisters-in-law: Gloria Nuenke and June Kopsch, both of Bay City; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Ruth; brother, Louis Nuenke; grandson, Heath Skrzypczak; and son-in-law, Pete Burkett.

A funeral service was held on October 10 at the W. A. Trahan Funeral Chapel. Pastor Jeff Englehart officiated.

Interment followed at Floral Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to WLJN Christian Radio, P.O. Box 1400, Traverse City, MI 49685.

Arrangements made by Trahan Funeral Chapel.

### Walter L. Johnson

Walter L. Johnson, 75, of Frederic, passed away on October 9, 2008.

A private family memorial service has taken place.

Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Soup or salad bar served prior to the meal Monday through Thursday.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Oct. 17 - Lunch-baked ham with apple glaze, marshmallow sweet potatoes, winter blend vegetables and honey nut apples. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Lovells satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Monday, Oct. 20 - Lunch - chicken pot pie, green beans, cauliflower and an orange. Dinner - scalloped potatoes with ham, Italian blend vegetables, corn and pineapple. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. TEFAP recertification.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Lunch - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and peaches. Dinner - roast turkey, stuffing, green beans, acorn squash and an apple. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 1 p.m. Euchre, 3 p.m. board games, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks.

Wednesday, Oct. 22 - Lunch -

hungry boy casserole, Brussels sprouts, corn and mixed fruit. Dinner - Swedish meatballs with noodles, asparagus, peas and carrots and peaches and cookies. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, Oct. 23 - Lunch - chicken stir-fry, rice, asparagus and oranges and grapefruit. Dinner and Discussion with the COA director - beef vegetable stew, green beans, fresh fruit salad and a biscuit. 10 a.m. craft class, 1 p.m. COA board meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 5 p.m. Dinner and Discussion with the COA director.

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Traditional Service ..... 9 am  
Coffee Hour ..... 10 am  
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Adult Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Praise and Worship Service ..... 11 am  
(Childcare Available)

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Jorgensen  
Phone 989-348-1909  
Services held Saturday at  
Camp AUSAble off M-72 East  
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Saturday Church Service ..... 9:30 am  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 10:30 am  
Tuesday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm

**Lovells Community Chapel**  
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Pastor Larry Hankins  
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989-348-2701

Sunday School (youth & adult) ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7-8 pm

**Grayling Free Methodist**  
Rick Secord - Pastor  
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Early Service ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) ..... 7 pm

**Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ**  
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Adult and Youth Sunday School ..... 9:30 am

**Heritage Baptist**  
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
heritagebaptist-grayling.org  
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.  
(1/4 mile west of I-75)

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm

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Pastor Gary Wejdan  
701 S. I-75 Business Loop  
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Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
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Sacrament ..... 10 am  
Sunday School ..... 11 am  
Primary ..... 11 am  
Priesthood ..... Noon  
Relief Society ..... Noon

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Service, Children's Church and Youth ..... 11 am  
Service ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm  
Friday Prayer Meeting ..... 7 pm  
(van transportation available)

**St. John Lutheran (ELCA)**  
710 Spruce Street  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 am

**Community of Christ**  
Pastor Ann Doty  
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1030 Glenn Rd. • 348-9751

Church School ..... 9:45 am  
Preaching ..... 11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer ..... 7 pm

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Saturday Evening Masses ..... 4:30 pm  
Sunday Masses ..... 10 am

**St. Francis Episcopal**  
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Morning Prayer Tues-Fri ..... 8:30 am  
Eucharist (Wed) ..... 8:30 am  
Sunday Holy Eucharist ..... 8:30 & 10:30 am

**Resurrection Life Center**  
Pastor Bud & Debbie Mann  
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Sunday Service ..... 10:30 am  
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Sunday School ..... 9:15 am

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M-72 West, Grayling 989-348-9220

Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 am  
Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday ..... 7 pm  
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Sunday Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening ..... 6 pm  
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Mid-Week Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm

**Abundant Life Tabernacle**  
Pastor Lyle Stanger  
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Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Worship ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
Wednesday Evening ..... 7 pm

**Grayling Baptist Church**  
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Pastor John Scott  
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Sunday School ..... 9:45 am  
Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Evening Service ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Service ..... 7 pm

**Bear Lake Christian**  
Pastor David Rosenberg  
Associate Pastor Scott Hoffer  
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.  
Sunday Church Service ..... 10 am - 6:30 pm  
Sunday School ..... 9 am  
Bible Study (Wed.) ..... 7 pm  
Youth Group 2nd & 4th Wed. ..... 6:30 pm

**Luzerne Baptist**  
Pastor James Durfee  
2247 Durfee Lane

Sunday School ..... 10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 7 pm

**Church Alive Church of God**  
Pastor David Becker  
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Worship Service ..... 11 am & 6 pm  
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Sunday Night Praise ..... 5 pm  
Sunday Service ..... 6 pm

## RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 16, 18, 20 - 22.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 17 - 19.

The following firing ranges are scheduled during the period of Oct. 16 - 22.

Small Arms Ranges, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

ARF Range, located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe

Rd., east of the gas pipeline and north of Portage Creek, Oct. 17 - 19.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

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## GPA presents the Saline Fiddlers

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting The Saline Fiddlers, at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium, on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Saline Fiddlers began in 1994 with a simple idea: introduce an alternative style of music education to public school students. It has grown into a model of instruction and motivation that is being emulated across the nation. Yet, more importantly, it is a brilliant example of what young adults can and will achieve if given a direction and the opportunity to explore and pursue their own interests.

The Saline Fiddlers are fully equipped, amplified and present an energetic, polished stage show that includes music, song and dance from the traditions of American folk fiddle, bluegrass, jazz, western swing and Celtic music. Their repertoire, which grows every year, includes many pieces composed or arranged by an exceptionally talented artistic team.

Over the years the group has introduced many fine singing



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voices, as well as the immensely popular Fiddlers Cloggers choreographed by Sheila Graziano.

The Saline Fiddlers represent the positive side of today's youth while reflecting the rural traditions of Saline, Michigan, and ultimately the country. The performers, all students at Saline High School, earn their places through competitive auditions based on musical ability and personal integrity. Each Fiddler balances academics, sports, school organizations, church activities,

jobs and social lives with this demanding commitment to music.

The Fiddlers' tours have brought them from the east coast to the west coast, down south and up north too. Recent tours have included New York City, Boston, California, Nevada, Florida and many other places.

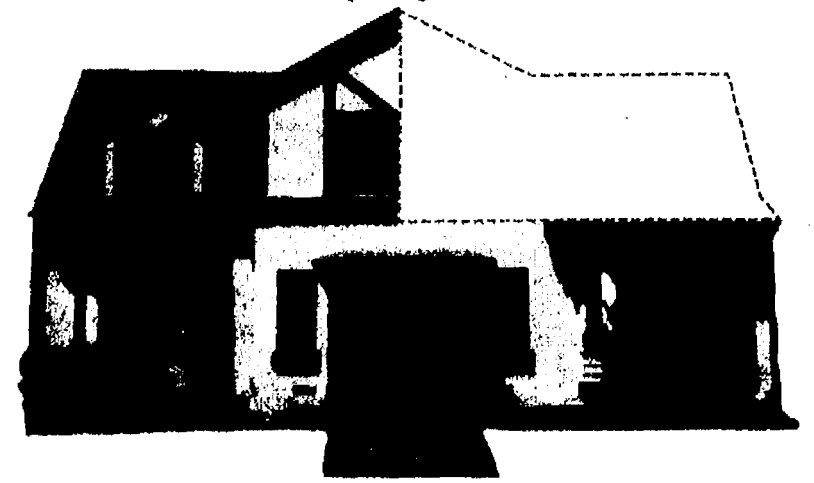
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 individual or \$10 senior or student. Family rates are available. Tickets can be

purchased in advance in uptown Grayling at Riverland or at the door.

For more information on this performance or a schedule of the upcoming series, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

This entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, and a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

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## Community foundation awards grants

The North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) awarded \$6,100 during its 2008 Common Grant cycle. These grants are awarded from the Ogemaw, Crawford and Oscoda County Community Needs Funds to nonprofit organizations with programs benefiting residents in the three-county NCMCF service area.

The following organizations were awarded funding during the Common Grant cycle:

Crawford County Economic Development Partnership - \$1,000 for the Watershed Art Project.

Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) - \$1,000 for the GPA AuSable River Expo.

Friends of the Crawford County Library - \$300 for the Crawford

County Library Cyber Teens Program.

Ogemaw County Humane Society - \$1,000 for shelter start up.

Ogemaw County Genealogical and Historical Society - \$1,000 for the Archive and Artifact Preservation Initiative.

West Branch Caring Pregnancy Center - \$500 for the Sexual Integrity Program.

Emma Lowery Congregational Church - \$1,000 for the community food pantry.

A \$300 mini-grant to the Ogemaw Commission on Aging for their "To Your Good Health" program was also awarded from the Ogemaw County Tobacco Settlement Fund, which awards grants to programs promoting

health for youth and senior citizens.

The next opportunity to apply for grant funding is with the NCMCF Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grant deadline, which is December 31. Eligible applicants with programs benefiting youth in Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties should visit [www.ncmcf.org](http://www.ncmcf.org) or call 1-877-354-6881 for more information.

NCMCF, established in 1998, has awarded more than \$1.1 million with over 1,000 grants and scholarships in its effort to improve the quality of life for current and future residents of Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties. NCMCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

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Unfortunately, my opponent and those that support him are more interested in deceptive attacks and mud-slinging towards my family. My family has been through enough and should not be part of this desperate attempt on my opponents' part to win an election.

I believe you should know the honest truth about this very personal situation. Over an eight year period, a member of my immediate family battled a serious illness which my health insurance failed to adequately cover. This health crisis created a major financial strain on my family. We cashed out our retirement funds and struggled to find every dollar we could to cover these medical bills. When that wasn't enough, we were faced with foreclosure.

Like many people, we never thought this could happen to us. I never imagined I would have to explain to my 10 year old daughter that we would have to leave our home. This is one of the most stressful and devastating events a family can experience.

Although the phrase "small potatoes" was taken out of context, I do apologize for saying it. Obviously, this wasn't "small potatoes" for my family.

This experience has given me a greater understanding of how fragile many families' financial situations are, especially in our present economic times. I know firsthand that many families are one medical emergency away from financial ruin. As State Representative, I will do everything I can to make sure no family has to go through what I did.

Let's make sure this campaign is about the real issues facing the 106th district!

Sincerely,  
Andy Neumann

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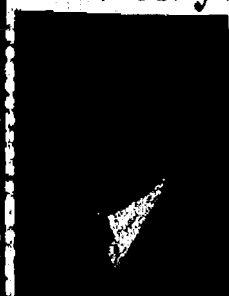
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# State Farm has new agent

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

State Farm is back in Grayling with a new location and a new managing agent. Jeff Halstead, who is currently a Boyne City resident, has taken over the reigns of Grayling State Farm.

The insurance agency has relocated to 108 Ottawa Street, in the complex across the street from Goodale's Bakery.

"State Farm has had a presence in Grayling for over 30 years," said Halstead, who is Grayling's third State Farm agent.

Halstead felt that the location switch would make the agency both more visible and more accessible.

"It's kind of closer to town," said Halstead.

Halstead intends to get closer to Grayling in more ways than one. He already has very specific plans for community involvement.

"I'm looking at getting involved in youth athletics, schools and supporting community events," said Halstead.

He said that he will be relocating to Grayling with his wife, Jane, and three sons, Tommy, Steve and Ben, as soon as possible.

"I'm not a big city guy. I've always had a vision of working in a town like Grayling," said Halstead.



State Farm agent Jeff Halstead (right) is pictured with employees Pam Hanson (left) and Tina Strohpaal (center). "We've got a good staff who knows State Farm," said Halstead.

His sons are all involved in sports, which is one factor that is motivating Halstead to support local athletics. He said it is his intention to make State Farm a

much more visible entity in the community.

"We're still getting involved in things and still meeting people," said Halstead.

In the meantime, he said he intends to do his best to serve old and new customers.

"Customer service is our number one priority," said Halstead.

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Kerr is the daughter of William and Lynn Kerr of Grayling.

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The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter has received memorial donations in honor of those who have passed and donations honoring special occasions. The following is a list of honorees and donors who have made a donation during the period of July through September, 2008:

In honor of the Carpenter Family, for rescuing the Cohen family cat, from Steve and Lynn Cohen of Northbrook, Ill.

In honor of Veronica Greason, on the occasion of her birthday, from Ethalinda Blackman of Midland.

In honor of Ken and Mary Wright of Grayling, to support their continuing efforts to help the shelter animals, from David and Sherry Sabin of Grayling.

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For Janet Olson, in memory, from family and friends and David and Elaine Jansen of Grayling.

For Helen Wells, in memory, from Ed and Marge Franklin of Grayling, Lucinda Davison of Grayling and Robert and Mary Hill of Ann Arbor.

For Dr. John Sloan, in memory, from Dennis, Joan and Heidi Reckinger of Grayling.

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For Marjorie Hardy, in memory, from Lucinda Davison of Grayling and Ed and Marge Franklin of Grayling.

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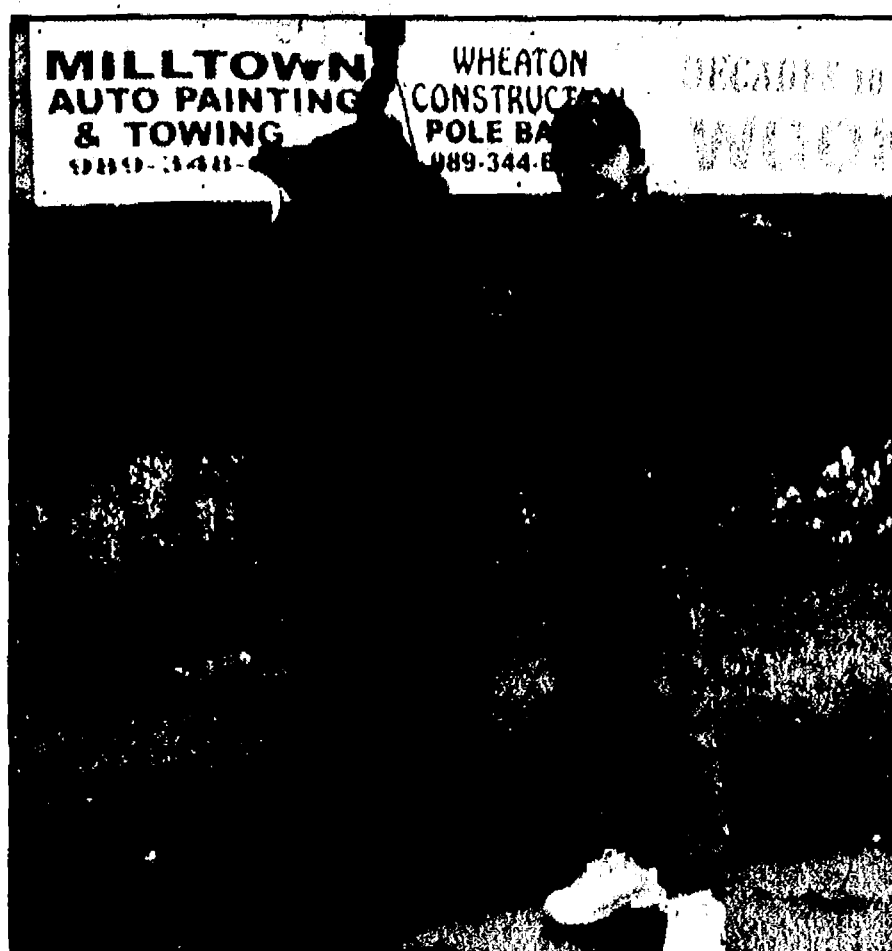
For Dakotah, in memory of her beloved companion dog, from owner Janice Wiseman of Ypsilanti.

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For Ranger, in memory of the beloved companion cat of Connie Thiel, from Ethalinda Blackman and Veronica Greason of Midland.

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## HUNTING



Randy Allison, of Grayling, recently shot this 125-pound bear east of town with a bow and arrow.

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of Oct. 5 - Oct. 12:

Two traffic control situations, one private property accident, one felony arrest, one civil

infraction citation, one misdemeanor arrest, three alarm complaints, three assists to other departments, four larceny complaints, one BOL, two suspicious situations and 14 unclassified complaints.

## LIBRARY NEWS

"Fun in Frederic" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. It will be a children's harvest program that will include stories, a craft and a snack. Call Connie, at 348-4067, to sign up or for more information.

The Friends of the Crawford County Library will meet at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m.

American Girls can sign up for the third "It's a Small World" program held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 3:30 p.m. Jewelry expert Renee Wojdan will be on hand to help the girls design

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Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 91 complaints the week of Oct. 6 - Oct. 12:

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deries, two OUILS/UBALS, two miscellaneous arrests, 18 traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one family trouble-domestic, eight suspicious situations, one driving violation/driving while license suspended and one driving on revoked/suspended license.

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In 1969, approximately 50 percent of children walked or bicycled to school, and today, fewer than 15 percent walk or bicycle to school.

In Michigan and other states, traffic jams and pollution around schools are commonplace, causing safety hazards and health concerns for children at drop off and pick up times.

With the ever-rising prices of gasoline, there's no better time to get out of the car, enjoy the fresh air and walk with your children to school.

Walk & Roll to School Day was held at AuSable Primary, Grayling Elementary and Grayling Middle Schools on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Part of International Walk to School Day, parents and community members walked or bicycled to school with students to experience the fun of walking and bicycling along the routes children use everyday. Parents and community members were invited to participate in this celebration of health and safety and learn more about joining the "green" movement.

"Walking to school addresses many quality of life issues for students," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. "When students walk or bicycle to school using safe routes, they receive the physical activity needed for good health. They also learn valuable pedestrian safety skills, lessons on the envi-

ronment and the importance of community."

"All students were excited about walking to school on Wednesday. The weather held firm until the students were in the schools, but they would have wanted to walk anyway," said Mike Dunkel, coordinator of the event. "We had around 500 students participate."

The school buses and parents dropped students off at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab where volunteers put them on "walking school buses." They walked down State Street to Maple Street to Michigan Avenue, where Deputy Jason Alexander, the school liaison officer for the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, and Sheriff Kirk Wakefield helped them cross. The students were energized and ready to start their day. Participation in the event was voluntary for each student.

Safe Routes to School is an international movement that builds on the momentum of Walk & Roll to School Day. Many schools in Michigan began a Safe Routes initiative as a follow-up to Walk & Roll to School Day.

The Michigan Safe Routes to School program is administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), with training and administrative support provided by the Michigan Fitness Foundation/Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

To learn more about Walk & Roll to School Day and Safe Routes to School, contact the Michigan Fitness Foundation at 1-800-434-8642.

## Free radon test kits available at District Health Department #10

As the weather cools and you begin sealing up drafty doors and windows in preparation for winter, now is a good time to think about the quality of the air inside your home. Has your home been tested for radon? If not, you have no way of knowing whether you are being exposed to elevated levels of radon, a class A carcinogen, right in the "safety" of your own home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from deposits of uranium in soil and rock. The gas is harmlessly dispersed into outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings it can be toxic to humans. Elevated levels of radon have been found in homes in every state in the U.S. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates this may be as many as one in 15 homes.

Without testing, you will never know whether radon is present. You cannot see or smell radon, but it can be inhaled into the lungs where it undergoes radioactive decay. As it decays, it releases tiny bursts of energy called alpha particles, which can harm sensitive lung tissue and cause damage that can lead to lung cancer.

Nearly everyone knows that smoking is the number one cause of lung cancer, but most people are surprised to learn that radon exposure is number two, according to the U.S. Surgeon General. And, even though radon exposure does not cause immediate symptoms, many studies have proven that long-term exposure can be deadly. The EPA esti-

mates that radon causes approximately 15,000 lung cancer deaths each year.

If radon is present in soil or rocks underneath and around your house, it can seep in through cracks or joints in the foundation, floors, walls, doors, windows and openings around floor drains and pipes. Radon levels inside your home may be high regardless of whether you have a basement, a crawl space or a poured slab beneath your house. Radon levels can vary considerably from house to house, even on the same street.

The good news is that homeowners can test their levels of radon and can take action to reduce elevated levels. Radon test kits are easy to use. You simply open the package, place the tester in the lowest level of your home and wait the number of days recommended in the kit directions. When the test is complete, you seal the kit back in the package and mail it to the lab.

Test results will be mailed to you, along with information about what to do if the radon levels in your home are found to be higher than what is considered safe. A variety of methods may be used to reduce radon levels. These include sealing cracks and other openings in the foundation and installing ventilation systems.

District Health Department #10 will be giving away free radon test kits during Radon Action Week, October 19 - 25. To obtain your free kit, visit any local county office of District Health Department #10.

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# Hurricane helper returns to Grayling

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Mobile Medical Response employees were being asked to volunteer to go and assist in disaster relief efforts on Aug. 29, while she was in the middle of a 24-hour ambulance shift. DeMara, who lives in Frederic, had just a few hours to pack clothes and gear she would need and make arrangements for her horses, her two dogs, her cat and her rabbit to be fed. She also arranged for her daughter, Danielle Cinciala, age 10, to stay with her grandparents Nancy and Bob Cinciala in Grayling.

"She was kind of shell shocked when I called her," DeMara said about the urgent phone conversation she had with Nancy Cinciala before her departure to Saginaw to join the other emergency responders.

At first, Mobile Medical Response employees helped hospital and nursing home patients in Gulf Port, Miss., in the path of Hurricane Gustav get to safe quarters. Many of the patients were critical care patients and people on life support equipment or ventilators.

"That kind of put us on the map with FEMA, because we were one of the few groups that could carry people with that magnitude of health problems just by the equipment we carry on our ambulances," she said.

Patient records and some belongings were transported in the ambulances and a doctor joined the convoy of ambulances and buses in case he was needed.

"It was just pretty much pick

up and go," she said.

Hurricane Gustav caused \$15 billion in damage and claimed the lives of 138 people in the United States and the Caribbean. After riding out the wind and the rain, some patients went back to their initial homes, while others had their homes destroyed by the hurricane.

Initially, the Mobile Medical Response team said they were going to be gone for seven to 10 days.

Instead of returning home, the crew went to Texas to help prepare for Hurricane Ike and handle that hurricane's aftermath. Mobile Medical Response's Disaster Assistance Response Team Trailer, which functions as a mobile emergency room, was brought to Texas to help with the efforts.

DeMara said a large number of medical and emergency response workers were treated for injuries and dehydration.

DeMara said the team assisted an EMS operation in Liberty, Texas, helping them handle 911 calls. They also assisted with distributing water, ice and military meals ready to eat to hurricane refugees.

While helping at a hospital on Galveston Island with emergency room efforts and patient transports, DeMara said she witnessed most of the damage done by Hurricane Ike. The hurricane killed 72 people in the United States and caused \$27 billion in damage.

"There were boats on the highway, boats on their sides, boats that were on top of each

other and boats that were half sunken," she said. "It was ugly. Until you see it, you can't fathom what it was like. Homes that people lived in were just rubble."

DeMara said police and National Guard troops carried rifles to deter looting and curfews were imposed while there was no electricity.

"They were trying to keep the peace and trying to keep total havoc from breaking out," she said.

DeMara said that emergency crews were focused on day-to-day operations and were told not to let family members know they were returning until they were decommissioned and well on their way home.

She said an EMS operation in Beaumont, Texas, which employed 10 people who lost their homes in the hurricane, treated Mobile Medical Response employees to a barbecue as they were preparing for their trip home. A friend of an MMR employee works for the ambulance service.

"Even though we couldn't help them, they appreciated what we did for the rest of Texas," she said.

DeMara talked to her family daily and Danielle was given her own cell phone in order to keep in contact with her mother. Danielle had some anxious moments and some moments of boredom while her mother was gone, but appreciated that she was in a group of people helping hurricane victims.

"I'm proud of her because there were a lot of people that needed help and she was able

to help them," she said.

DeMara said that seeing the devastation from the hurricanes and being able to help hurricane victims made her appreciate life and home a little more. DeMara missed the start of the school year and most of Danielle's games as a Grayling Redskins cheerleader.

"Overall, it makes you appreciate what you've got," she said. "Overnight, a lot of people lost their homes, their belongings and a lot of them lost their pets."

Danielle was one of few children who participated in a homecoming celebration when the group of Mobile Medical Response employees returned to the company's headquarters in Saginaw.

"She was jumping up and down like a jumping bean, looking to see what ambulance I was in, and of course, I was in the last one," DeMara said.

Matt Holtcamp, the director of operations for Mobile Medical Response, said the deployment was one of the largest request for public ambulance services in U.S. history.

"They moved a lot of people, a lot of patients and they certainly got on the stick on this one," Holtcamp said.

Holtcamp said that employees for the company, which operates in nine counties in mid-Michigan, filled open shifts for the people who went to Mississippi and Texas.

"Everybody played a roll in this deployment and in making it a success," he said.

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Director Paul Wheeler operates the camera while actors Oscar Jimenez and Mike Wyman watch the performance. Parts of the film trilogy were shot in Crawford County.

## Local filmmaker finishing trilogy

by Matt Seager  
Staff Writer

Paul Wheeler has been shooting a lot of people. Fortunately, no one got hurt. The amateur filmmaker just wrapped up principle photography on *The Haunted Monastery*, the third in a series of shorts based on the work of Anton Chekhov. All three films were shot in northern Michigan, including some in parts of Crawford County.

"About three and a half years ago, I started on this project," said Wheeler, who is a retired teacher from the Detroit area.

Now he lives in Roscommon, where he is putting the finishing

touches on his ambitious film trilogy called "The Chekhov Shorts Project." The three films are based on the short stories "Misery," "Lottery Ticket," and "Story with No Title."

Wheeler wrote the screen versions of all three short stories himself. In addition to *The Haunted Monastery*, the other two adaptations are titled *Masha's Ticket* and *Sledge to Vyborskaya*. His love of "Misery" when he was in college inspired him to base his first film project on Chekhov's work.

"I realized it was in the public domain, so I could use the story," said Wheeler.

Parts of *Sledge to Vyborskaya*, based on "Misery," were filmed at Wellington Farm Park.

"We've been trying to put the movies in some kind of historical location," said Wheeler.

Each of the shorts, which run from 30 to 45 minutes in length, cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to make.

"It was a true learning experience. I even had to learn the

camera," said Wheeler.

Joining him for the experience was a large cast of both experienced and amateur actors, some of whom hail from Crawford County, including Jerry Balmes and Deborah Glicker.

"I give Paul a lot of credit. He's new to this and he's learning with each new video that he does," said actor Jerry Werle, a Roscommon resident.

Werle, who plays the lead in the newest addition to the series, is an experienced theater actor. He said he was happy to play a part in the independent film series.

"It's been kind of a neat adventure to do it," said Werle.

Fellow actor Erica Blair shared his sentiment.

"It was really fun. I got to meet a lot of great talent from the area," said Blair.

She pointed out that northern Michigan has a lot of potential for on-location shooting, particularly at lakes and forest regions.

"I think that we should be making more films in this area," said Blair.

She just might get her wish. State of Michigan officials recently offered new incentives to Hollywood filmmakers to shoot more major motion pictures within the state, called the Michigan Film Incentive Program.

"I think it'll be a healthy thing for the state's economy," said Werle.

Film industry experts will be meeting with local officials at Roscommon's Forest Dunes Golf Club on Oct. 29 to examine the ways in which Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon counties can band together to attract the millions of dollars a major film production can bring to a community.

In the meantime, local filmmakers like Wheeler don't need any special incentives to take advantage of natural settings in the local area.

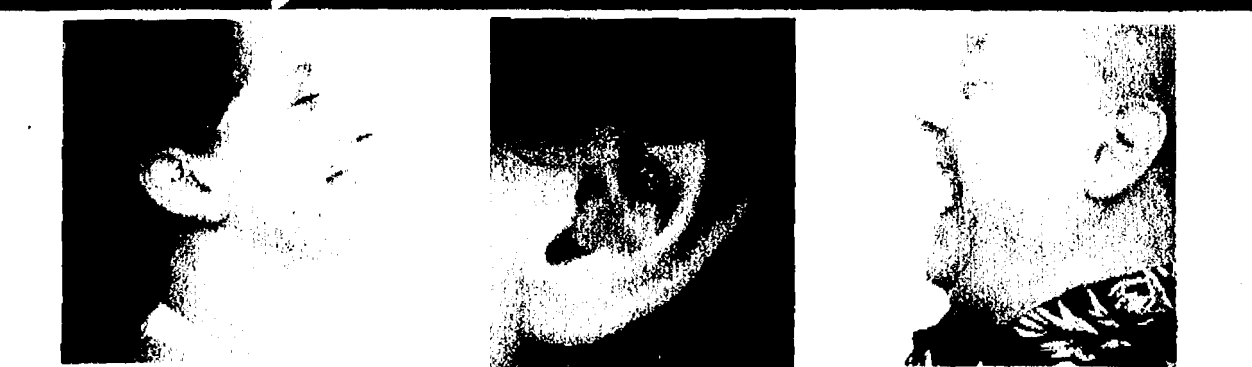
Now that he has finished shooting his trilogy, Wheeler already has his eyes on the future. After focusing on the works of Anton Chekhov, his next target is Geoffrey Chaucer.

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## Cat haven offers shelter to stray animals

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She decided that the key to helping these animals was to trap feral cats and then spay or neuter them. This would reduce the population of unprotected cats living in the wild.

"It's to stop the overbreeding and the cruelty to these animals," said Guay.

Today, Guay is a licensed animal rescue professional. She has saved several cats from near death.

"I have to bottle feed babies

that have lost their mother," said Guay.

She keeps her house well stocked with supplies to feed, medicate and care for the animals she protects. She runs a clinic that is equipped to tend to both cats and dogs.

"These cats have been fixed and they're up-to-date on their rabies shots and everything else," said Guay.

Her operation has been growing in prominence in the local area. She has even coordinated projects with the DNR and the AuSable Valley Animal Shelter.

The operation is mostly funded out of the pockets of Guay and her friends and relatives who help her run the cat haven.

Guay has a handful of regular supporters, but she said she is always looking for more financial help. She goes through over 100 pounds of cat litter a week. The cost of food and medicine adds up quickly.

"I don't get a lot of funds from anyone," said Guay.

In addition to donations, Guay is always on the lookout for people interested in adopting cats. She posts most of her cats on

petfinder.com and similar web sites in hopes that the adoption rate will increase.

"If I could get one a month I would be thrilled," said Guay.

Someone drove all the way up from Flint to adopt a cat that had been posted online at the beginning of this week. Even the cats that she brings in from the wild are generally highly domesticated.

"It will have to be their home forever if no one takes them," said Guay.

Adoptions make room for new cats in the haven. People often have stray or unwanted cats that they would like to bring to the haven, but it is impossible for Guay to accept new cats when it is filled to capacity.

"I turned down three this last week," said Guay.

Nonetheless, Guay is always looking for ways to make more room. She has plans to erect a large outdoor facility in addition to the chambers in her basement and on her porch.

"I don't want them in a cage," said Guay.

This represents another huge step for a person who only owned two cats before she started this project.

Nonetheless, Guay believes that the love she feels for these animals is mutual.

"If you're not feeling well, they'll get up and lick your face," said Guay. "They're awesome animals, really."

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# Vikings win homecoming game 52-0 vs. Kalkaska

**QB Osga sets new school record with six TD passes**

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling Vikings won last Friday's varsity football homecoming game by a final score of 52-0 vs. the visiting Kalkaska Blazers.

Kalkaska received the opening kickoff and punted on 4th and 28, following a quarterback sack by Mike Davis on 3rd and 10.

On Grayling's first play from scrimmage, quarterback Jimmy Osga threw deep to Eric Ferrigan for a 33-yard touchdown. Osga completed a shovel pass to running back Dustin Russo for the two-point conversion. GHS led 8-0.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 19, and Grayling took over at its 25-yard line. Osga connected with Cody Myers for 15 yards on first down. On the next play, Kalkaska intercepted a deep pass attempt to get the ball back. The Blazers punted on 4th and 15.

Osga passed to Myers for a 76-yard gain on first down. Osga passed to Ferrigan on the next play – 1st and goal from the 3-yard line – for a TD. A pass from Osga to Myers picked up the two-point conversion. Grayling led 16-0.

After a Kalkaska punt, Grayling drove 70 yards on 12 plays and finished the series with a one-yard TD pass from Osga to Myers. The drive also included a 12-yard pass to Tyler Steffey, an 11-yard pass to Trent Larm, a 21-yard pass to Myers, and a 16-yard pass to running back Tyler Hanson. The Vikings scored the TD on the last play of the first quarter, and GHS led 22-0.

Kalkaska fumbled on 3rd and 3 and Ferrigan recovered the ball for Grayling. A pass to Steffey on 3rd and 4 picked up 21 yards. Russo ran for 13 yards on the next play. The drive ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and 4.

The Blazers punted on 4th and 9 and Ferrigan returned the ball to Kalkaska's 36-yard line. On 1st and 10, Osga completed a pass to Steffey, who broke one tackle and got a block from Ferrigan downfield before getting into the end zone for a TD. Osga threw to Steffey for the two-point conversion. The Vikings led 30-0 with 5:50 left in the first half.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 20 and Grayling started at the 47-yard line. Passes to Ferrigan and Larm picked up 25 yards and a first down. On the next play, Osga completed a pass to Ferrigan for a 22-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

Grayling led 36-0 at halftime.

The Vikings drove 60 yards on five plays for a TD on the first possession of the second half. The series included a 32-yard pass to Ferrigan, a 13-yard pass to Larm, and a 13-yard TD pass to Steffey. Myers caught a pass from Osga for the two-point conversion.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 12. On 3rd and 3, quarterback Zach Wolcott ran for 37 yards. A late hit penalty put the Vikings 14 yards from the end zone. On the next play, Hanson ran the ball for a 14-yard TD. Hanson also scored the two-point conversion on a rushing play.

The Blazers punted on 4th and 11. Wolcott completed a pass to Johnny Cochrane for an 11-yard TD. Continued on Page 2B

See "VIKINGS WIN..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Jon Lovely and Lahken Maher were named homecoming king and queen during Friday night's halftime festivities. The sophomore class won the spirit cup this year.

## Two fourth quarter defensive plays help seal 26-8 victory

**JV football team improves to 5-1-1 with win at KHS**

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity football squad sealed a 26-8 victory vs. the Kalkaska Blazers with two big defensive plays in the fourth period – a fumble recovery that set up a two-yard TD run and an interception return for a touchdown.

On the first possession of the game, Kalkaska punted on 4th and 11, pinning Grayling at its 12-yard line. The Vikings picked up 33 yards with two runs by Craig Collen. A run by David Bergan and a late hit penalty on the Blazers brought up 1st and 10 at Kalkaska's 36-yard line. Bergan ran for 16 yards on 2nd and 4. On 4th and 2, Grayling's running play came up short, and Kalkaska took over on downs at the 4-yard line.

After picking up one first down, Kalkaska punted on 4th and 23. Grayling punted on 4th and 20. Kalkaska fumbled on 1st and 10. Bergan scooped up the loose ball and returned it to the Continued on Page 4B

See "TWO FOURTH..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

David Bergan scoops up a Kalkaska fumble during last Thursday's JV football game.

## Soccer team wins 2-0 vs. East Jordan Red Devils on Monday

**Vikings defeat Bobcats 3-2 in OT at Houghton Lake**

The GHS boys soccer team defeated the visiting East Jordan Red Devils 2-0 in a league contest played at Grayling High School last Monday.

The score was tied at 0-0 at the end of the first half. At the 12:45 mark in the second half, a corner kick by Matt Hilbrecht deflected off of an East Jordan player into the net for a Grayling goal. With 2:04 left in the game, Colin Hamlin scored Grayling's second goal of the contest.

"Matt Hilbrecht had a goal and an assist to Colin, Hamlin, who also scored. The team played hard and had many opportunities to score. I was happy with the way we dominated the game," Coach Craig Cobb said.

On Wednesday, the Vikings won 3-2 in overtime at Houghton Lake. Hilbrecht, Hamlin, and Eric Rutter scored goals for Grayling.

"We controlled the entire game with over 20 shots on goal. Matt Hilbrecht scored on a Continued on Page 4B

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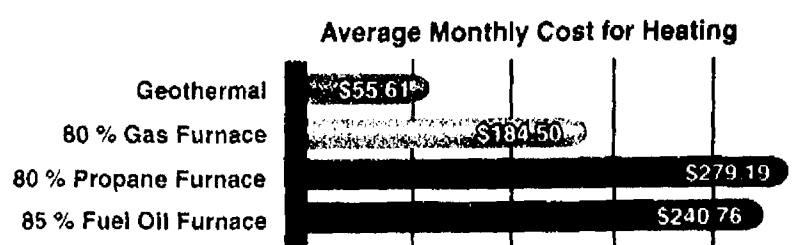


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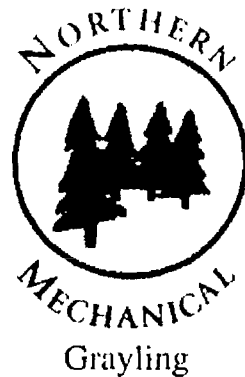
Matt Hilbrecht performs a header during last Monday's game vs. East Jordan.



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The GHS marching band performs for the homecoming game crowd on Friday night at Viking Stadium.

# Vikings win homecoming game 52-0 vs. Kalkaska

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gain on 1st and 10. Grayling punted on 4th and 6. Kalkaska punted on 4th and 9. Grayling killed the final 2:40 and won the game by a final score of 52-0.

Osga, who played only one series in the second half, set a new school record on Friday with six touchdown passes. He completed 25 of 36 pass attempts for 356 yards. Osga also owns the season passing yardage record at GHS with 2,260.

Leading receivers for GHS vs. Kalkaska were: Steffey, 7 receptions, 108 yards, 2 TDs; Ferrigan, 6 receptions, 105 yards, 3 TDs; Myers, 7 receptions, 86 yards, 1 TD; Larm, 5 receptions, 51 yards. Hanson carried the ball three times for 54 yards and one TD.

On defense, leading tacklers for Grayling were: Geo Bindshatel (8), Wolcott (7), Larm (6), Ryan Foguth (6), and Davis (4).

"This was an excellent response to our Harbor Springs performance. We are now one win away from being back in the playoffs. We have a very tough two weeks ahead of us and it was good to see that we can execute at this level. We had very few bad passes and drops. Defensively, we were able to stay disciplined and read our keys," Coach Ben Brock said.

"This was a great homecoming for us. Everyone was able to play and be successful. Jimmy Osga once again broke his own school record with six touchdown passes. He has averaged 324 yards through the air per game this season and now has 2,260 yards total. Our offense has improved greatly since the addition of Eric Ferrigan. Ferrigan finished the night with 105 yards and three touchdowns. This has helped all of our receivers to become more open versus different defenses. Tyler Steffey, Cody Myers, and Trent Larm have all benefited from Eric's return. Steffey finished with 108 yards and two touchdowns and Myers had 86 yards receiving with a touchdown," Coach Brock said.

## GRAYLING REDSKINS FOOTBALL

**Freshman 1 (5th and 6th grade)** - The Grayling Redskins freshman 1 team posted a 25-0 shutout vs. Indian River on Saturday, Oct. 11.

On offense, Danny Schultz had



The Vikings run onto the field prior to Friday night's homecoming game vs. the Kalkaska Blazers.

son and now has 2,260 yards total. Our offense has improved greatly since the addition of Eric Ferrigan. Ferrigan finished the night with 105 yards and three touchdowns. This has helped all of our receivers to become more open versus different defenses. Tyler Steffey, Cody Myers, and Trent Larm have all benefited from Eric's return. Steffey finished with 108 yards and two touchdowns and Myers had 86 yards receiving with a touchdown," Coach Brock said.

"Our defense played well and our staff was happy with how we

adapted to Kalkaska's new Gun Bone set. Coach (Tim) Sanchez has made some adjustments with personnel and how we attack the opposing offense. Tonight, we were successful, but it will be quite a tremendous task next week against Traverse City St. Francis," Coach Brock said.

"St. Francis is loaded with athletes and no one has scored more than one touchdown on them in our league this season. They have only given up 47 points on the season and they are ready to make a run at the state championship. If we compete and are

not intimidated, we will have a shot at making the playoffs. If they run over us and we do not complete passes, it will be a long night. I am excited to see how our seniors will respond. We have two weeks to win one game," Coach Brock said.

The Vikings (5-2 overall, 3-2 league) need to win one of their last two games in order to guarantee a playoff berth. Grayling will host Traverse City St. Francis (6-1, 5-0) on Friday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. On Friday, Oct. 24, the Vikings will play at Boyne City (6-1, 4-1).

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### Viking of the Week

**Football**  
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"Jimmy had another record-breaking day with six touchdown passes. He added to his season passing record with 356 yards to bring his seven-game total to 2,260 yards. He will need to have his best game this week for us to have a shot against St. Francis. They will bring the heat and he will have to make good decisions. Jimmy will be aided this week by his fellow captain and all-conference performer, Spencer Dean," his coach said.

tackles. D. Schultz also had an interception. R. Schultz, Logan Duvall, Zane Pittman, Mike Phipps, and Joseph Castillo each had three tackles. Phipps had one sack. James Castillo, Spenser Kent, Alex Payne, Allen Iverson, Jared Gailitis, and Dallas Johnson also had tackles for the Redskins. Kent also had a fumble recovery.

"Even though the Indian River fifth and sixth grade teams combined into one team, we still shut them out," Coach Larry Duvall said.

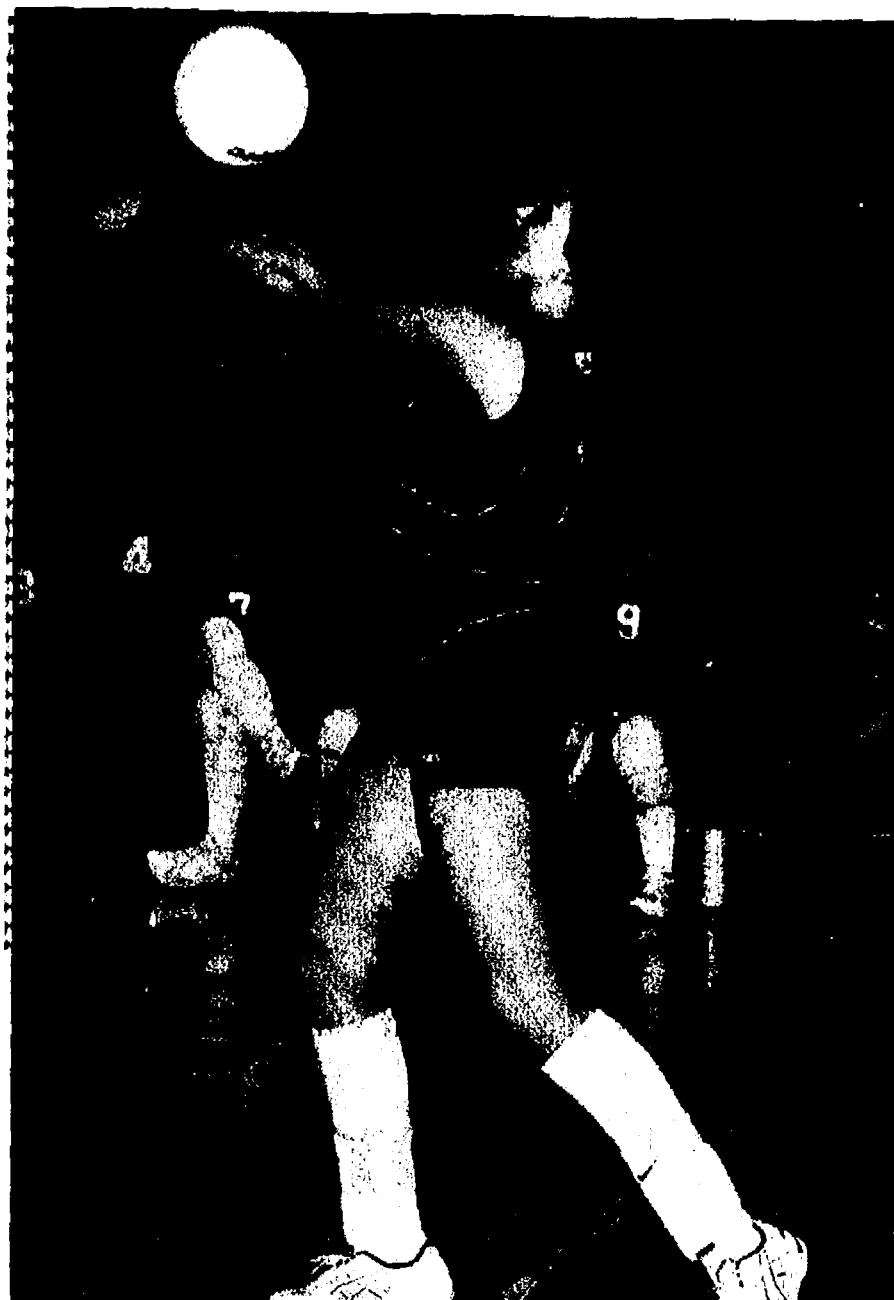
"The leadership of the offensive linemen - (Brandon) Kowalski, Payne, Cheney - we dominated the line of scrimmage. Also, our defense swarmed to the ball all day long," Coach Jake Helsel said.

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Abbey Thomas, left, and Rebecca Money, right, hit the ball for Grayling's junior varsity volleyball team vs. Charlevoix on Tuesday night.

## Volleyball teams split vs. Rayders, Gladiators

Grayling High School's JV and freshman volleyball teams each posted one series win and one series loss during last Thursday's three-team meet featuring Charlevoix and Traverse City St. Francis. The meet was

held at GHS.

Grayling's freshman squad defeated the Charlevoix Rayders 2-1 (23-25, 25-16, 25-23). The team lost to TCSF (23-25, 16-25, 11-15).

The GHS junior varsity team

won 2-1 in a series vs. the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators. Grayling won the first two games with scores of 25-16 and 25-22. TCSF won the third game 25-14.

Grayling lost its JV match vs.

Charlevoix (16-25, 19-25, 8-15).

The JV and freshman squads, along with the GHS varsity volleyball team, will host Harbor Springs at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16.



Chloe Harwood, left, and Ciara Johnson, right, hit the ball for Grayling's freshman volleyball squad during last Tuesday's meet.

## Varsity team falls to East Jordan, 3-2

The GHS varsity girls volleyball team lost three conference series on the road last week.

On Tuesday, the Vikings fell to the Charlevoix Rayders (26-28, 18-25, 14-25) and the Traverse City St. Francis Gladiators (20-25, 14-25, 17-25) in a meet played at Traverse City.

"We lost both sets, but the kids played very well," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "Joni was player of the game. She played awesome defense with 28 digs on the night. Sierra Williamson had 18, too. Savannah Foguth led the night in aces with 11 and assists with 19. Suzanne Hause led the night with 12 kills."

"It is hard when you keep losing to find ways to improve or even think that we are improving. I had a fan from each team

come up to me and commend us on how much we improved since the last time we played them. Although it's not a win in the victory column, it does show the girls how much their hard work is paying off. I have to remind myself that they are a young varsity team and every game is a learning experience to get better, and they are doing just that," Coach Szymoniak said.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost a best-of-five series at East Jordan, 3-2 (23-25, 25-22, 13-25, 25-16, 11-15).

"We lost a very tightly played match against East Jordan in five games. Tuesday's games gave us a little more confidence. We had lost to (East Jordan) at home in three games, so a road victory was going to be challenging;

however, the girls played the best they played all season, falling short, which was very disappointing. The girls have made so much progress over the last week, and I feel that they are finally gaining the confidence in their playing and each other," Coach Szymoniak said.

"Ashley Feldhauser was player of the game, leading the team with 12 kills and nine digs. Sierra Williamson had nine kills and 10 digs and two blocks. Joni Bindshatel had 15 digs and three aces. Sam Schrieber played great defense and served a 100 percent on the night with 15 serves. Savannah led in assists with 19, and Josie Swander had four aces and 12 assists."

The Vikings will host Harbor Springs on Thursday, Oct. 16.

## 9th graders win at East Jordan, 2-1

The Grayling Vikings won a best-of-three freshman volleyball series at East Jordan last Thursday, 2-1.

Grayling won game one 25-15. The Red Devils took game two 25-18. The Vikings clinched the series with a 25-23 victory in game three.

"The girls had a great game. Their hard work in practice is really paying off. Practices and games are tough because we only have six players, but the girls have really stepped up to the challenge. Lindsay Johnson and Chloe Harwood did a great job setting.

We had strong defensive play from Kristi Helsel, Elaine DesEnfants, and Ciara Johnson. Cara Miller had some amazing hits from the front row and really came through in the last game to get the final three points," Coach Brooke Laurent said.

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## Two fourth quarter defensive plays help seal 26-8 victory

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14-yard line. A late hit penalty on the play put Grayling at the 8-yard line.

Three running plays brought up 4th and goal at the 1-yard line. Grayling fumbled on fourth down and Kalkaska recovered the ball. The Blazers punted on 4th and 2 from their own 11-yard line.

Grayling started its next drive 30 yards from the goal line. A pass to Bergan on 2nd and 12 gained 20 yards. On 3rd and 8, quarterback Zane Tobin passed to Nick McDonald for a 10-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 6-0 with 6:43 left in the first half.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 16. On 1st and 10, Grayling fumbled and Kalkaska recovered the ball. The Blazers fumbled on 3rd and 10 and Grayling recovered.

The Vikings drove 68 yards on 10 plays and finished the series with a 13-yard TD pass from Tobin to Steven Enos. Grayling led 12-0 with 48 seconds left in the first half.

On 4th and 8, Kalkaska threw deep and McDonald intercepted the pass to end the half.

On the first possession of the second half, Grayling fumbled on 4th and 4 and Kalkaska recovered the ball. On the second play of the resulting series, Tyler Brigham intercepted a pass for the Vikings.

Grayling drove from its 9-yard line to Kalkaska's 21-yard line with a 12-play series that included two fourth down conversions. The drive ended on downs with an incomplete pass on 4th and 6.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 10. Collen returned the kick 20 yards, giving Grayling the ball 25 yards from the goal line. The drive ended on downs after four plays.

Kalkaska broke free for a 67-yard TD run on 2nd and 4. The Blazers scored the two-point conversion with a running play. Grayling led 12-8 with 10:54 left in the fourth period.

Bergan ran for 19 yards on the first play of the next series. On 1st and 4, Kalkaska intercepted a Grayling pass to end the drive.

On 2nd and 14 from its 23-yard line, Kalkaska fumbled a handoff. Collen picked up the ball and took off for the end zone, but he was tackled two



Craig Collen carries the ball for Grayling during last Thursday's JV game against the Kalkaska Blazers.

yards from the goal line. On 1st and goal from the 2-yard line, Grayling handed off to Collen, who scored on a short TD plunge. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 18-8.

Grayling's defense forced Kalkaska to punt on 4th and 27. On Grayling's first play of the resulting series, Kalkaska intercepted a pass attempt to get the ball back.

On 3rd and 10, Brigham picked off a Kalkaska pass and ran it all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. Tobin passed to Enos for the two-point conversion.

Kalkaska punted on 4th and 15. Collen returned the kick to Kalkaska's 24-yard line. Grayling killed the last 4:28 with seven runs by Luke Schneider. Grayling won 26-8.

The Vikings finished with 165 rushing yards and 141 passing yards.

Tobin completed 16 of 26 pass attempts for 141 yards with two TDs and two interceptions. Bergan had 101 total yards - 51 rushing yards on 15 carries and 50 receiving yards on six catches. Collen had 51 rushing yards on 12 carries. Schneider finished with 24 rushing yards on seven carries. Enos caught five passes for 51 yards and one TD.

On defense, Grayling's final



Quarterback Zane Tobin looks for an open receiver on Thursday night.

numbers included: Matt Dunckel, 6 tackles; Enos, 6 tackles, 1 sack; Griffin Dean, 3 tackles, 1 fumble recovery; Bergan, 4 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; Collen, 2 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery; Brigham, 2 interceptions.

"As a team, we only gave up 107 yards - 67 of which came on their long TD run," Coach Chris Kucharek said. "It was nice to see kids like Joe Latusek, Jeff

Brunell, Cody Elmy, and Michael Harmon have an impact on the game in the final minutes." "This was a big win for our team. We are still undefeated in the league as we head into a conference showdown with (Traverse City) St. Francis, who has one loss in the league," Coach Kucharek said.

The Vikings (5-1 overall, 4-0-1 league) will play at TCSF on Thursday, Oct. 16.

## Soccer team wins 2-0 vs. East Jordan Red Devils on Monday

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direct kick. Trevor Dewitt assisted Colin Hamlin with a centering pass for a goal, and Eric Rutter scored the winning goal in overtime off a deflected cross. The guys worked hard right to the end. There were no let downs, just 100 percent effort. Despite being down 1-0 at (halftime), they stepped up and pulled out the win," Coach Cobb said.

On Thursday, the Vikings lost 5-0 to Elk Rapids in a league game played at GHS.

"Our defense really stepped up for this game. This was a team that completely dominated us in the middle of the season, and our defense stepped up and really gave the Elks some problems. This is the best game that I have seen Grayling put together against the Elks in the five sea-

sons that I have been involved with this team. I am proud of the way they played, their attitude, and their determination," Coach Cobb said.

The Elk Rapids game was Grayling's regular season finale. The Vikings finished the season with a 6-11-1 overall record.

The team will play in the District 43-3 tournament this week.



Trevor Dewitt, left, dribbles the ball for Grayling during last Monday's game against East Jordan. Goalkeeper Nick Sendek, right, punts the ball on Monday.



# BOWLING LEAGUE

**Recreation League**  
 Glen's Market ..... 18 - 6  
 Robin L. Smith CPA ..... 14 - 10  
 GMH-NCC ..... 13 - 11  
 Grayling Nursing ..... 13 - 11  
 Days Inn ..... 11 - 13  
 TNT Charter ..... 10 - 14  
 American Legion ..... 9 - 15  
 Woody Girls ..... 8 - 16  
 High Series: T. Hellebuyck, 537;  
 P. D'Amour, 503; D. Lobsinger,  
 494. High Game: T. Hellebuyck,  
 183; D. Anderson, 177; P. Terry,  
 172.

**Senior Bowling**  
 Sylvester's Sports ..... 15 - 9  
 Gaylord Electric ..... 14 - 10  
 Spike's ..... 13 - 11  
 Lone Pine ..... 12 - 12

Dana Transport ..... 11 - 13  
 Kicking Grass ..... 11 - 13  
 Flowers By Josie ..... 11 - 13  
 Bear's Den Pizza ..... 9 - 15  
 High Series Women: C. Clark,  
 549; N. Glasslee, 486; M. Rysso,  
 451. High Game Women: C.  
 Clark, 216; I. Cosgray, 173; N.  
 Glasslee, 172. High Series Men:  
 P. Faustman, 581; L. Crampton,  
 538; K. Harris, 523. High Game  
 Men: P. Faustman, 214; K.  
 Louchart, 193; B. Hollis, 191.

**Friday Mixed Doubles**  
 GGS Double Trouble ..... 28 - 14  
 Miller Spillers ..... 26 - 16  
 Fred's of Roscommon ..... 25 - 17  
 McDonald's ..... 23 - 19  
 Canadian Steak n' Fish ..... 21 - 21

Last Call ..... 16 - 26  
 L & L Hauling ..... 15 - 27  
 American Legion ..... 14 - 28  
 High Series Men: R. Sartin, 585;  
 J. Lehman, 581; M. Forbes, 572.  
 High Game Men: D. Wallace,  
 236; J. Lehman, 235; R. Sartin,  
 223. High Series Women: S.  
 Johnson, 528; J. Williamson,  
 500; B. MacKinnon, 480. High  
 Game Women: S. Johnson, 202;  
 J. Williamson and M. Jankowski  
 200.

**Pioneer League**  
 Grayling Rest ..... 16 - 4  
 Eagles Nest Sports ..... 12 - 8  
 T.C. Lawncare ..... 12 - 8  
 5 B's ..... 11 - 9  
 Ole Dam Party Store ..... 10 - 10

Tim's Collision ..... 8 - 12  
 Ball Busters ..... 6 - 14  
 American Legion ..... 5 - 15  
 High Series: C. Clark, 518; M.  
 Rock, 511; M. Cole, 500. High  
 Game: M. Cole, 209; C. Clark,  
 200; C. Wyatt, 198.

**Thursday Morning Coffee**  
 Snow Tops ..... 10 - 6  
 Casino Burns ..... 10 - 6  
 Rosebuds ..... 10 - 6  
 Bill's Harem ..... 9 - 7  
 Misfits ..... 8 - 8  
 Three Amigos ..... 6 - 10  
 Pin Slayers ..... 6 - 10  
 Ladybugs ..... 5 - 11  
 High Series Men: B. Hollis, 645;  
 B. Holton, 519; P. Faustman, 506.  
 High Game Men: B. Hollis, 265;

B. Holton, 195; P. Faustman, 180.  
 High Series Women: N.  
 Glasslee, 502; R. Brown, 467; A.  
 Stanley, 462. High Game  
 Women: A. Stanley, 189; R.  
 Brown, 187; N. Glasslee 177.

**Sunday Mixed Doubles**  
 Farm Bureau ..... 24 - 11  
 Team Shocker ..... 22 - 13  
 Hard Balls ..... 20 - 15  
 Spike's #1 ..... 18 - 17  
 Gray Rock Cafe ..... 15 - 20  
 Spike's #2 ..... 14 - 21  
 Salon Rue ..... 13 - 22  
 A.J.D. ..... 10 - 25  
 High Series Men: T. Sheldon,  
 560; R. Sartin, 531; P. Faustman,  
 530. High Game Men: P.  
 Faustman, 215; T. Sheldon, 202;

J. Thayer, 200. High Series  
 Women: C. Sheldon, 461; H.  
 Indorf, 455; N. Glasslee, 425.  
 High Game Women: C. Sheldon,  
 180; S. Mead, 175; N. Glasslee,  
 171.

**American Men's League**  
 Moore's Auto ..... 27 - 15  
 GADCO ..... 24 - 18  
 Fenton's Auto ..... 23 - 19  
 Sky Ripper ..... 23 - 19  
 Scott McNamara Ford ..... 20 - 22  
 McLean's ACE ..... 19 - 23  
 Dragon Repair ..... 16 - 26  
 High Series: P. Benardo, 657; L.  
 Davis, 596; T. Kotrash, 569.  
 High Game: T. Kotrash, 223; P.  
 Benardo, 223; L. Davis, 219.

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7496-DE  
 Estate of Arlene Fraley, Date of birth:  
 12-7-1948  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Arlene Fraley, who lived at 7519 Old 27, Frederic, Michigan died 7-20-08. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ken Fraley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 10-3-08

Personal representative  
 Ken Fraley  
 11400 Baraga  
 Taylor, MI 48180  
 734-287-7768

at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.490% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Parcel "D", the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 26, Town 27 North, Range 2 West.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 9/25/2008  
 Green Tree Servicing, LLC, 1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113  
 Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
 Attorney for Green Tree Servicing, LLC,  
 1400 Turbine Dr., Rapids City, SD 57113  
 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
 Troy, MI 48084  
 248-362-2600

### MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Williams Tipton, a single man, Mortgagee, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of March, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of March, 2002 in Liber 574 of Crawford County Records, page 122, said Mortgage having been assigned to Washington Mutual Bank on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nine & 83/100 (\$121,409.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the Ausable No. 6, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the

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Dated: 10/9/2008  
 Washington Mutual Bank  
 Mortgagee  
 FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
 Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank  
 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
 Troy, MI 48084  
 248-362-2600

### MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Sandra Truax, single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 1, 2005 in liber 676, page 451, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$45,836.54.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet East and 330 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence East 298 feet to the right-of-way of the County Road; thence Northeasterly along said right-of-way 186.2 feet; thence West 385 feet; thence South 165 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Also a 1987 Stoneridge Mobile Home, Serial #TNFLH2700601SR.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from the date of sale.

Date: September 29, 2008

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder  
 P.O. Box 794  
 East Lansing, MI 48826  
 517-337-1617

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Janet G. Varney-Small, a married woman and David Small, a married man, Mortgagees, to North Central Area Credit Union, Mortgagee, dated the 29th day of September, 2006 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 13th day of October, 2006 in Liber 683 of Crawford County Records, page 668, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine & 33/100 (\$46,769.33), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of November, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage.

Assignee of Mortgage  
 Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
 811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
 (248) 844-5123  
 Our File No: 08-98813

gage, with interest thereon at 5.50% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 18 and 19, Riverside Subdivision, Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/2/2008  
 North Central Area Credit Union  
 Mortgagee

FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.  
 Attorney for North Central Area Credit Union  
 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
 Troy, MI 48084  
 248-362-2600

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ronald Kage and Patricia Kage, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Novastar Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006 and recorded July 25, 2006 in Liber 682 Page 480 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$107,734.76) including interest 9.55% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of South Branch, SN883, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, Section 29, The West one-half of the West one-half of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, 5 acre. m/l

Commonly known as 1601 E Pioneer Rd, Roscommon MI 48653  
 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: SEPTEMBER 25, 2008  
 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee under NovaStar Mortgage Funding Trust, Series 2006-4.

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage North, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$97,242.62), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

and the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes and the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
 For more information, please call:  
 FC G 248.593.1310  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Servicer  
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
 File #223411F01

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006,

and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two And 00/100 Dollars (\$123,392.00), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 16, 2008  
 For more information, please call:  
 FC X 248.593.1302  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Servicer  
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
 File #186646F02

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Crystal Young, a single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 235, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine And 68/100 Dollars (\$79,379.68), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 16, 2008  
 For more information, please call:  
 FC R 248.593.1305  
 Trott & Trott, P.C.  
 Attorneys For Servicer  
 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
 File #156005F04

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# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Jamison, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2005, and recorded on September 26, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 643, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten And 56/100 Dollars (\$244,910.56), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Being part of the North 100.00 feet of Government Lot 1, section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 24.00 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 05 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West along a line being the extent of the East line of Lot 9 of the recorded plat of Margrethe Manor No. 1 recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records, 100.60 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 9; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the North section line 1298.29 feet to the East line of Government Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East along said East line 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West along the North section line 1288.75 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.969 acres more or less. Together with: A 20 foot wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Southerly 20 feet of Parcel 2 described and delineated herein.

Further Subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #224883F01

-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremiah Benjamin Kohnert a/k/a Jeremiah B. Kohnert, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2006, and recorded on May 16, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 491, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 95/100 Dollars (\$13,984.95), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 64 and 65, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 65, Crawford County

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #223344F01

-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William C Long and Alita R Long, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Mortgage- MI, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 27, 2007, and recorded on September 5, 2007 in Liber 688 on Page 393, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Fifth Third Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventeen And 53/100 Dollars (\$83,417.53), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on October 29, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 04, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: September 25, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC J 248.593.1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200

Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #222304F01

-25-2-9-16

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by: ROBERT W. NELSON and CAROL A. NELSON, husband and wife, whose address is 1566 Shipman Street, Oxford, Michigan 48371, as mortgagor to INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. CENTRAL MICHIGAN, f/k/a INDEPENDENT MORTGAGE CO. EAST MICHIGAN, a Michigan banking Corporation, of 4200 E. Bellline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49525, as mortgagee, dated March 19, 2004, and recorded in the office of Crawford County Register of Deeds on June 22, 2004, in Liber 669, Page 350 Crawford County Records. The balance owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and 12/100 (\$63,935.12) dollars, the mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on **Wednesday, November 5, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.**, at the East Front Door of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan 49738 (that being the building where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 6.0% and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law or contract and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as follows, to wit:

The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 25 North, Range 1 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. (Tax ID No.: 20-061-026-011-040-00). (Commonly known as: 10945 F-97 County Road, South Branch, MI 48761).

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L.A. 600.3240(10), unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: September 25, 2008  
Independent Mortgage Company f/k/a Independent Mortgage Co. East Michigan, a Michigan Banking Corporation, Mortgagee  
4200 East Bellline Road  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Drafted by: Phoebe J. Moore, Stephens & Moore  
Attorneys at Law  
121 W. Grant St., Ste. #2  
Caro, MI 48723  
(989) 672-4255

-25-2-9-16

## NOTICE OF

### Public Notice

Property Owners and/or Residents of Maple Forest Township:

This is to notify you that Breitburn Operating LP of Gaylord MI, has filed an application with the Maple Forest Township Planning Commission for a special use permit on the following described property:

**A 9.91 acre parcel located in section 7, of Maple Forest Township located on Greenway Trail with I-75 running along its eastern edge. Parcel ID # 20-020-007-015-040-00.**

The request, if granted, would permit the applicant to use the property in the following manner:

**Construct and Operate a Central Production Processing Facility for Natural Gas.**

The permit application will be considered at a Maple Forest Township Planning Commission meeting, which will be held on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Maple Forest Township Offices at 2520 W8996 N. Sherman Rd. at which time you may express your views on the matter. Written comments concerning the special use permit may be filed with, Robert Green Maple Forest Township Zoning Administrator, or the Maple Forest Township Planning Commission Chairman Ernie Wagner at or before the meeting at 2520 W. Marker Rd., Grayling, MI 49738.

The Special Use Permit Application and the Maple Forest Township Zoning Ordinance are available to public inspection at the Township Office during the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM, Monday and Wednesdays. Please call (989) 348-5794 for further information.

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chad G Noffsinger a/k/a Chad Noffsinger and Elizabeth L Noffsinger, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 16, 2004, and recorded on June 21, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 296, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Five And 44/100 Dollars (\$91,275.44), including interest at 10.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 28 and the South 1/2 of Lot 29, East Branch Estates, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 8, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless deter-

mined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC X 248.593.1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #223165F01

-2-9-16-23

## Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard Wineman and Corinna Wineman, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated February 16, 2007, and recorded on February 27, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 456, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage

there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine And 10/100 Dollars (\$87,209.10), including interest at 11.365% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence North 4 rods; thence West 40 rods; thence South 4 rods; thence East 40 rods to the point of beginning. Being part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, all in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 2, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC H 248.593.1300  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #196286F02

-2-9-16-23

### Public Notice

**Please be advised in the week of October 19th, 2008, as weather allows, Channel Markers at North and South Higgins State Parks will be removed for the winter season. On November 11, 2008, skid piers at Houghton and Higgins Lakes will be removed, with the EXCEPTION of 1 at West Higgins and 1 at North Higgins. These will be removed when ice forms on the lakes. DNR**

## USDA - Forest Service Huron - Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District Crawford and Oscoda Counties, Michigan Big Chase KW and Hazardous Fuels Removal Project

The Mio Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests is seeking public input on the Big Chase Kirtland's Warbler/Hazardous Fuel Removal Project. The purposes of the project are to: protect public and firefighter safety by reducing fuel loadings and restoring natural fire regimes; create Kirtland's warbler (KW) breeding habitat; provide timber products, and improve recreation opportunities and trails facilities.

The proposed project would occur within two general areas west of Luzerne on National Forest System lands in Oscoda and Crawford Counties, Michigan. The proposed actions would occur within the following sections:

- T25N, R2W Sections 27, 32, 33, 34
- T25N, R1W Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32
- T26N, R2W Sections 14, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36
- T26N, R1W Sections 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 35
- T26N, R1E Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 29

Maps of the project areas are available at the Mio Ranger District office or can be viewed at the following website: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnt/pages/PlanningandProjects/proposed\\_projects.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnt/pages/PlanningandProjects/proposed_projects.htm)

The proposed actions of the Big Chase KW and Hazardous Fuels Removal Project are as follows:

- Harvest by clearcutting approximately 1277 acres; 813 acres of jack pine in two areas to create KW breeding habitat; 388 acres in three areas to create barrens; 65 acres in one area to create an opening; and 11 acres in one area to regenerate aspen.
- Thin approximately 965 acres of red pine in approximately 20 areas to improve growth on remaining trees, reduce hazardous fuels, and restore old growth conditions.
- Maintain approximately 448 acres of barrens in three areas through prescribed burning and/or mechanical or manual treatments.
- Construct approximately 2 miles of temporary roads and associated landings to remove forest products. These roads and landings would be closed and rehabilitated when harvest activities are completed.
- Reforest approximately 813 acres of clearcut to jack pine where necessary to create KW breeding habitat; recontour and reforest approximately 47 acres of the Chase Bridge Gravel Pit to jack or red pine; reforest approximately a one-acre abandoned well pad; reforest approximately 0.5 acre erosion site to white pine on the South Branch Au Sable River.
- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve wildlife habitat by prescribed burning approximately 1288 acres.
- Create and maintain approximately 193 acres of fuelbreaks through timber harvest, mechanical or manual cutting, and prescribed burning. Approximately 50 acres would be removed from KW essential habitat designation to create the fuelbreaks.
- Maintain approximately 16 acres of existing fuelbreaks by cutting encroaching woody vegetation by mechanical or manual treatments. All fuel breaks would be maintained by prescribed burning, mechanical or manual treatments.
- Create and maintain approximately 8 acres of opening, and improve approximately 110 acres of existing forest openings for wildlife. Treatments include cutting encroaching vegetation by mechanical or manual means, or prescribed burning.
- Control or eradicate non-native invasive plant species (NNIS) within the Project area (approximately 2934 acres) where necessary and appropriate. NNIS would be treated with herbicides, biological controls, mechanical or manual means.
- Stabilize a 0.5-acre eroding bank on the South Branch of the Au Sable River.
- Pick up trash and close roads and trails at the Chase Bridge Gravel Pit.
- Enlarge and improve the parking area at the Meridian ORV Trailhead off M-72 (approximately 3 acres).
- Enlarge and improve the parking area at Wakeley Lake off M-72 (approximately 1.5-acre).
- Remove and dispose of discarded materials in the South Branch barrens area.

Please submit your written or hand-delivered comments to District Ranger, USDA Forest Service, Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, MI 48647-9314, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comments may be submitted via telephone during business hours by calling (989) 826-3252 or (989) 826-3592 TTY. Comments may be faxed to (989) 826-6073, or emailed to [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-mio@fs.fed.us) (must be readable by Microsoft Office 2000 or Adobe Acrobat 6.0 formats). Please send us your comments by 30 days from the publication date of this notice in the Oscoda County Herald and include the following information:

- Name, address, organization represented and title (if appropriate);
  - Title of project for which comments are being submitted (Big Chase KW and Hazardous Fuels Removal Project);
  - Specific facts and supporting reasons you should be considered in reaching a final decision.
- Comments received in response to this solicitation will become a matter of public record.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

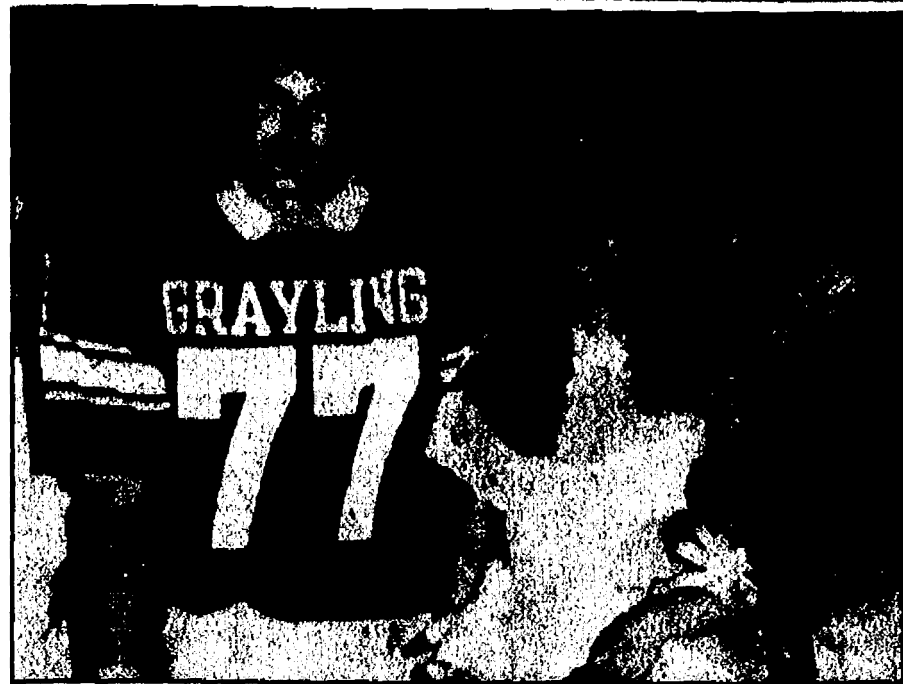
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# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



October 17, 1985 - Kevin Hudson and Kim Springer were named the Grayling High School Homecoming King and Queen for 1985.

### 23 Years Ago October 17, 1985

Renovation of the Crawford County jail, to bring it up to state code, has been approved by the county board of commissioners and the county building authority. The \$27,300 estimated project is expected to start next month. Donald Morgridge, a Gaylord architect in charge of the renovation, is seeking bids on the project.

Crawford County is taking advantage of a state law passed in 1982 that allows a jail inmate to be charged for medical expenses during their stay. In the past, the county has paid an average of \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year for dental

and other medical expenses for county inmates. The amount is expected to be higher in 1985, as one inmate alone incurred \$3,500 in medical expenses.

Bruce McGuire ran in the International Marathon, which started in Windsor and ended on Belle Isle in Detroit, in which thousands of runners participated. He was driven there by his brother and wife of Flint. While the car was parked and locked during the race, the car was broken into and all of Bruce's belongings were taken, so he had to ride home in his running shorts.

Don't give up on the Grayling girls basketball team. They're a young team and they like to come

back. Last week they fought back from a 14 point fourth quarter deficit to lose at the buzzer to Gaylord. This week they spotted St. Ignace a 21-0 lead and came back to nearly tie the game in the third quarter, before losing 48-43.

### 46 Years Ago October 18, 1962

Approximately 100 skindivers, all members of the Michigan Skin Diving Council of Detroit, are expected to clean out the mainstream of the AuSable River from Grayling to Townline Road and the south branch area of the river from Steckert to Chase Bridge Road on Oct. 26 and 27.

Al and Jessie's Cafe is now completely wired for both stereo FM and AM dinner music. Grayling Radio and TV is doing the work.

Now open is Kellogg's Restaurant featuring fish n' chips. They are under new management and are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They are located 10 miles east of Grayling on M-72 and Wakeley Bridge Road.

Bill Sorenson returned from his hunting trip in Canada, bringing back a 15-year old moose head with a rack in the 50-inch class. The Department of Lands and Forests determined the age of the moose with blood samples and the animal's lower jaw, which are required to be turned in to the officials. He was hunting at Wabaskang Lake in the Kenora District of Ontario.

Glen's Market has a 4 lb. bag of delicious apples for 39¢, a gallon

jug of apple cider for 49¢, Puff's tissue (400 count) two for 39¢ and three cans of Chicken of the Sea chunk tuna for 89¢.

On Saturday, the school band will go to Central Michigan University for a football game.

### 69 Years Ago October 19, 1939

Charles Moshier has purchased from Victor Peterson the ice cream and lunch business located in the Moshier building. They have been busy the past several days, rearranging the place, and it will be ready to open by Friday. His younger brother Bill will be in charge. He will serve ice cream in many flavors, sandwiches and coffee with real cream.

Crawford County Board of Supervisors named Hugo Schreiber, of Grayling Township, and Charles Craven, of Frederic Township, to the membership of the Crawford County Welfare Commission.

### 92 Years Ago October 19, 1916

Earl Dawson is driving the auto delivery at the Peterson grocery.

The Grayling opera house has installed a new "Gold Fibre" screen, which will add greatly toward improving the pictures.

Henry Ford visited the Lovells school on Wednesday and the children enjoyed the talk he gave them.

Ralph Clarkston and family, of Lovells, moved to Grayling where Mr. Clarkston is expected to work for the DuPont plant.

## PUZZLES SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.  
Puzzle 15 (Medium, difficulty rating 8.47)

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## WORD FIND

Theme: Flowers

Agave	Kochia	Petal
Alpine	Larkspur	Phlox
Alyssum	Lilac	Pink
Arum	Lily	Poker
Avens	Linum	Poppy
Azalea	Lotus	Rose
Balm	Love-in-idleness	Tansy
Balsam	Lupinus	Tulip
Broom	Malope	Viola
Daisy	Martagon	Wattle
Erica	May	Weed
Flag	Nosegay	Whin
Geum	Ox-eye	Wisteria
Gladiolus	Pansy	Wold

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



## Yam Cupcakes with Orange Buttercream Icing

### Ingredients:

1 (18.25oz.) yellow or butter cake mix  
2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons canola oil

1 cup water  
1 (15oz.) can sweet potatoes, drained and mashed, or 1 cup mashed sweet potatoes

### Orange Buttercream Icing:

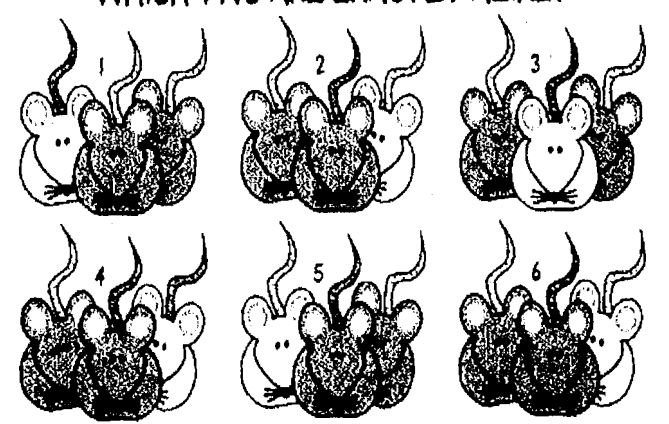
4 tablespoons butter  
1 (16-oz.) box confectioners sugar  
1/4 cup orange juice or more if needed  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

**Directions:** Preheat the oven to 350°F. In a mixing bowl, combine the cake mix, cinnamon, sweet potatoes, eggs, oil and water and mix until well blended. Transfer batter into cupcake paper-lined tins and bake for 18 to 22 minutes or until the center bounces back to touch. Cool and ice with Orange Buttercream Icing. **Orange Buttercream Icing:** In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and gradually add the confectioners sugar and orange juice until smooth and creamy. Add vanilla and frost the cupcakes. **Makes 24 Cupcakes**

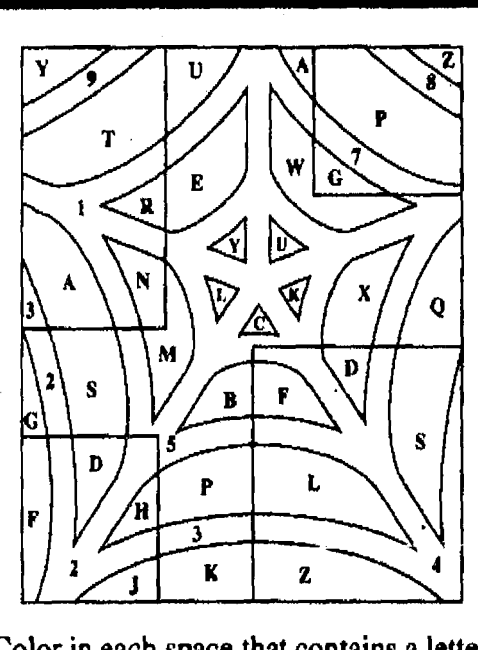


## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



## HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

CAREFUL  
CAUTIOUS  
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THE WORDS READ UP DOWN AND ACROSS.

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W N C A U T I O U S

## ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED!- The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



### Tango

Tango is one of the most handsome and intelligent dogs that we have seen in quite a while. This one-to-two year old dog does well with other dogs and has a nice temperament.

Visit us at: [www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org](http://www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org)

AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,

10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site [www.ascc.petfinder.com](http://www.ascc.petfinder.com)

# HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 16, 2008



December 22-  
January 19

Feel like the only person you can trust is yourself? You're right, Capricorn. Take everything you hear with a grain of salt and research, research, research.



March 21-  
April 19

Pipe down, Aries. The harder you try to prove you know what you are talking about, the less knowledgeable you will appear. Lead by example. A friend could use an ear.



June 22-  
July 22

Something you have been chasing for a long time will fall into your lap and be yours for the taking. Cancer. An old friend reappears. Welcome them happily.



September 23-  
October 22

You've got big plans, but you don't have to let others in on that fact. The less people who know what you are up to, the better chance you have of making it happen, Libra.



January 20-  
February 18

Try to focus. Search hard to discover what is really going on at home and dig deep for a solution. A nagging friend finally gets you to commit to something.



April 20-  
May 20

Give more and take less, Taurus. That's your motto, and it will no doubt lead you to riches beyond measure. A daring endeavor takes you to a new level.



July 23-  
August 22

Reach out to others this week, Leo, and they will do the same for you. Relationships will grow by leaps and bounds and reach new heights.



October 23-  
November 21

Surprise, Scorpio. A breakthrough is headed your way. Take advantage of it to complete a project. A note brings humor to a day of stress.



February 19-  
March 20

You like to fly solo, but you have no choice but to ask others for help and delegate responsibility. That is the only way you are going to clear off your desk, Pisces.



May 21-  
June 21

Not everything is within your control, Gemini, so stop fighting the things you cannot change. Accept the hand you have been dealt and make the most of it.



August 23-  
September 22

Get ready, Virgo. Shocking news comes from a friend. Take it in stride. A matter at home is best left to the pros. Take the easy way out and hire someone.



November 22-  
December 21

Jumped into an activity too fast? Suck it up, Sagittarius, and make the best of it. You cannot pull out. A meeting with a loved one results in some fun.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Rain Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
10/7	60	33	0					
10/8	60	33	0.17					
10/9	57	48	0.04	High 49	High 50	High 52	High 53	High 52
10/10	63	33	0	Low 31	Low 29	Low 29	Low 35	Low 32
10/11	65	31	0					
10/12	73	36	0	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers
10/13	73	43	0					



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

**Classifieds must be paid for in advance**

**Display Advertising Rate** - \$8.00 per column inch

**Deadline for Display Classifieds** - 12 noon, Monday

**Classifieds by the word rate** - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

[www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com)

**Classified by the word deadline** - 12 noon, Tuesday

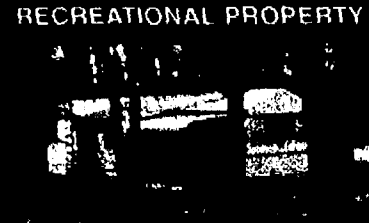
## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

**MOBILE HOME** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

**RECREATIONAL PROPERTY**



Clean, comfortable and affordable mobile home in the heart of recreational opportunities. Snowmobile/Ski/Golf/Fishing/Hunting/Boating all right here. Upgraded subfloors, floor coverings, windows, furnace, well. Skiing is insulated to R-16. Land contract terms available. #5986 \$26,500


Call  
**Curt Jansen**  
**Century 21**  
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
989-344-1800  
Grayling

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED** 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 1560 sq. ft. home with attached garage. Public and private access to mainstream river. Six miles east. \$140,000. 348-4840. (-16-23-30-6/1)

**SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM RANCH** Backs state land and trails. Garage, large shed, fence, sprinklers and decks. Land contract possible. \$58,500. Brian 989-387-0738. (LR11/6/08)

**COMMERCIAL**



Currently used as a resale shop on busy 612 in Frederic. Could be used for a variety of businesses but could also easily be converted to a home or cabin. #6019 \$39,900

Call  
**Pete Kocenas**  
**Century 21**  
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE  
989-344-1800  
Grayling

### 1. Real Estate

**10 BEAUTIFUL PARTIALLY WOODED** acres, two story home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full walkout basement, four out buildings, two car attached garage, hunt in back yard. Hot water baseboard heat and auxiliary wood heat, gas, log wood stove in living room. Two level deck. 2.8 miles from I-75. Blacktop road. Price reduced to \$140,000. Twelve additional acres available for \$39,000. Call for details. 989-344-8032. (-9-16/1)

**FOR SALE BY OWNER** Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT** 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

### 1. Real Estate

### 2. For Rent

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom duplex located at 1029 Heather Lane, Grayling. \$550 plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-16/2)

**FOR RENT** Older 4 bedroom home in Grayling, \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-16/2)

**FOR RENT** 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-16/2)

**FOR RENT** Clean 1 bedroom apartment in downtown Grayling, \$435 per month plus security deposit and references. 989-619-9689. (-16-23/2)

**2 BEDROOM** 1 bath, washer and dryer hook up, nonsmoking. \$450 per month. 390-2908 or 348-9116. (10/16/08tf/2)

**THREE BEDROOM** 1 1/2 bath, fenced in back yard, one car garage with paved drive. In town, \$650 plus utilities. 989-619-5561 or 231-263-0231. (-16/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**MOBILE HOME FOR RENT** 3-bedroom, 2 bath, double wide mobile home. \$750 per month; utilities included. In the country, seven miles S.E. of Grayling on Wilderness Trail between 4 Mile Rd. and M-72 E. 989-348-6994 or 989-370-3219. (-16/2)

**HOME FOR RENT** 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08tf/2)

**OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE**

Newly remodeled 800 sq. ft. natural gas heat, central air, nice environment, kitchen and bath, high traffic exposure, blacktop parking lot. \$650.00 a month.

Contact Charlene Scheer or Craig Hinkle at  
**RE/MAX of Grayling**  
**(989) 348-7440**

### PUZZLE ANSWERS

#### SUDOKU

Puzzle 15 (Medium, difficulty rating 0.47)

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#### WORD FIND

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### 2. For Rent

**QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD** On paved road, very clean, newly decorated home at 3373 Jones Lake Rd. Two bedroom, two full baths, newly carpeted, central A/C, four car garage, clubhouse / pool privileges. \$550 a month plus deposit and utilities. No smoking and no pets. Please call 989-348-7070. (-9-16/2)

**BEAUTIFUL** Clean, fully furnished, 3 bedroom home just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available month to month, no pets and no smokers. Call 231-218-8529. (-16-23-30/2)

**ARBOR COURT** in Grayling is accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. Office hours Monday, Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. 989-732-6237. Barrier free units available. TDD 800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR10/30/08/2)

**3 BEDROOM** 1 bath mobile home, located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Natural gas and cable. \$500 a month plus deposit. Call 989-390-4290. (9/25/08tf/2)

**FOR RENT** 3 bedroom mobile, washer and dryer, \$450 per month plus utilities and deposit. 348-2466. (9/25/08tf/2)

**BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED** Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

**NEWLY REMODELED** Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08tf/2)

**BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE RIVERFRONT PROPERTY** 2 bedroom, 2 bath, double mobile home. \$500 per month. 425-314-6090. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)

**1 & 2 BEDROOM RENTALS** \$450 to \$550, plus security, some utilities. 348-5230. (-9-16-23-30/2)

**NEWER** 3 bedroom, 2 bath, two car garage. Close to town. Rent to own or land contract. 275-7874. (-16-23/2)

**HOUSE FOR RENT** 2 bedrooms, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, security light and trash removal included. \$450 monthly plus utilities and \$350 deposit. Absolutely no pets. Located five miles west on M-72, 989-348-5911 or cell 989-370-1696. (4/16/2)

### 3. Employment

**MARKETING / ADMISSION COORDINATOR** Part time. Responsible for making contacts for future admissions, must have knowledge of all aspects of long term care. Extensive travel in Michigan. Apply at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation, 33 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738. (-16-23/3)

### Natural Resources, Environmental and Communications graduates

Develop as a professional in the conservation community during a one-year term of service in the Huron Pines AmeriCorps: Developing Leaders in Conservation program.

With a living stipend and some attractive benefits, this program provides an opportunity to have real impact on the area by completing conservation projects that otherwise would not be done.

10 Northern Michigan and 2 Lansing positions. Visit [www.huronpines.org](http://www.huronpines.org) to view the detailed position descriptions and how to apply.

Positions open until filled.



**RE/MAX of Grayling**  
5728 M-72 West  
(989) 348-7440  
[www.remax-grayling-mi.com](http://www.remax-grayling-mi.com)

**NEW LISTING**



**STUNNING 3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH** 1,870 sq. ft. Chalet located close to town featuring an insulated attached 2 car garage, plus a 24x32 pole barn, heated tile floors, maple cabinets and knotty pine ceilings. Awesome master suite. All backing up to state land, on a dead end private drive. CC-2723 \$139,900

**NEW LISTING**



**215' OF FRONTAGE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MANISTEE RIVER** 4 Acres spectacular cedar sided river home offers 2 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1,535 sq. ft. cathedral ceilings. Wrap around deck with private setting. 2 car detached garage. CS-2727 \$189,000

**NEW LISTING**



**10 ACRES OF BEAUTIFUL ROLLING HARDWOODS** Walking distance to public access on K.P. Lake. CS-2728 \$23,500

**NEW LISTING**



**LOVELY RANCH HOME LOCATED CLOSE TO LAKE MARGRETHE** 1,344 s.f., three bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths. Great room with doorwall onto rear patio. Ceramic tile in kitchen, bath and entry. Home includes all appliances, Pioneer home theater system, and Generac generator system. Two car attached heated and finished garage with separate work-shop. Beautiful stone accents and landscaping. Fenced in back yard. Handicap accessible. CH-2758 \$119,900

**NEW LISTING**



**GREAT INVESTMENT!!!** Large family home on corner city lot. 2000 s.f. with three bedrooms and two baths located in the City of Grayling. Partial finished basement, large family room and enclosed porch. 1 1/2 car detached garage. Close to schools and the AuSable River. CH-2759 \$39,900

**NEW LISTING**




**NEWLY REMODELED FOUR BEDROOM** chalet on one acre. 1,183 s.f., 4 B/R and 1 1/2 baths. Home has been completely remodeled including: flooring, drywall, electric, plumbing, and heating. One car garage with front and rear entry. CH-2756 \$64,900

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun. By Appt. Only


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**NEW LISTING**



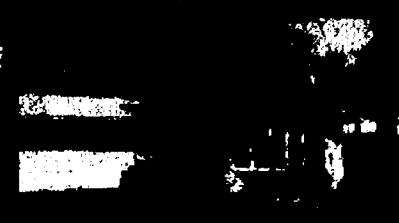
**Quality Full Log Home** on 10 beautiful acres. 3 Beds, 2 baths with an open floor plan with a master suite loft. Anderson windows and sliders let in a ton of natural light. Located at a dead end road, touching state land. #6053 \$180,000

**NEW LISTING**



**Stunning 4 bedroom, 3 bath home** has fantastic location, walking distance to Gerrish Higgins Park, 2 miles from Roscommon schools, minutes to I-75 and 127. Sun-kissed living room, fireplace, main floor master suite, office, basement, sprinklers, black top drive, 24x30 garage & 24x32 garage. #6051 \$267,000

**REDUCED**



**4 Bedroom ranch** on 2.5 acres just 1 mile from town. 30x40 heated garage with finished office and 1/2 bath. Includes newer stainless appliances, hot tub, sprinklers, paved circle drive & lots more. Seller is licensed real estate agent. #5964 \$144,000

**Frame Built home** offers Open Floor Plan, 3 beds, 2 baths and finished basement. Located on 11 wooded acres about 10 miles from town. There are 3 separate living rooms, and extensive landscaping. #5991 \$169,000

**Home or cottage** on beautiful Bear Lake. Just over 86' of Bear Lake frontage and a 2 bedroom home with walk-out basement. Exceptional views from large deck. Exterior has been recently updated to long siding. #5968 \$269,000

**Plenty of wild life** here with 80' of frontage on the Manistee River. Well kept cozy 2 bedroom home with large living room and wrap around decking looking towards the river. Detached Garage. #5965 \$129,999

**10 acres, stunning log home**, 3 car attached garage AND a pole barn all set up for horses, along with horse corral. Ceramic & hardwood flooring, fireplace, a kitchen that will make you grin, and a master suite that will knock your socks off! #5899 \$239,900

**Exceptional in every respect!** This beautiful spacious home on the bank of the AuSable has 3,660 s.f. and features 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 garages, stunning kitchen, and it is all on a large 2.73 acres. This is a must see to appreciate. #5900 \$365,000

**Gorgeous country setting** 2.59 acres. Large covered porch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, back deck, breakfast bar, 2 wood sheds and more. #5854 \$159,900

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**APPLIANCE ASSEMBLY**  
**HIRING NOW** We need 15 people A.S.A.P. to help with the fall rush. If you are looking for full time hours or more permanent positions, nice bonuses, quick advancement, \$400 a week to start, call us immediately, we need help in all departments. 989-732-8439. (-16-23/3)

**CDL A DRIVER** Gaylord area. Local delivery, driving 24' flatbed boom for delivery of dry-wall. Must be able to use stick shift trucks with air brakes. Job includes physically putting dry-wall into jobs. Benefits, 401K, vacation, weekends off. Must have clean driving record and pass drug screen. Home Acres Building Supply, 2855 D&M Drive, Gaylord, MI. 989-731-4764. (-16/3)

**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED**  
Holy Cross Children's Services (HCCS) is looking for families in the Grayling area to join our team, providing safe, loving homes for children in infancy to age 18 years. As a team member of HCCS, you will receive weekly support services, compensation and ongoing training. If you are interested in sharing your heart and home in caring for children, please call 800-235-9664. (LR10/23/08/3)

**FIREFIGHTERS WANTED**  
Beaver Creek Fire Department has two positions open for paid, on call firefighters. All necessary training will be provided. Contact BCFD at 989-275-8548 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday for application. Beaver Creek Fire Department is an equal opportunity employer. (-16-30/3)

**LOOKING FOR** Single, or preferably, couple caregivers. Live in residence assisting 85 year old woman with needs of daily living and care for property. 989-348-1383. (-9-16/3)

**I CHARGE BY THE JOB** Not the hour. Yard work, raking, painting, cleaning pine needles, leaves and sticks off roofs and cleaning out gutters. 348-5081. (-9-16-23-30/4)

**PROFESSIONAL HEMMING** jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-2-16-30/4)

**NORTHERN WELD** For all your welding needs. State Certified. Onsite or portable. 989-731-0301 or 989-745-5365. (LR10/23/08/4)

**CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE** Accepting children 1-12 years old. Licensed, first aid, CPR, meals and fun. 989-348-4249. (-9-16/4)

**WEB AND SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT** Services offered. Contact Matthew at 348-3599 or visit [www.mjsmaling.com](http://www.mjsmaling.com). (10/16/08tygd/4)

**SNOWPLOWING** Residential, M-72 West, Grayling area. Call 989-619-9874. (10/23/08tygd/4)

**HOUSEKEEPER** Available and dependable, call 348-2433. (-16-23-30/4)

**CHRISTMAS PARTY BLUES?** Rayburn Lodge is a truly unique place to have a party. Family functions, office parties or groups are welcome! We can arrange everything - leave the worrying to us! Bring your own food or have it catered - we're flexible. Our historic lodge can accommodate large groups and contains plenty of seating for your friends and family. Overnight accommodations are half off for the guests attending your event. Please call 989-745-1909 or 989-348-7482 for more information or reservations. (-16-23/4)

**RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT** all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

**D. HAWES / Driver's Training:** Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

**SEWING, ZIPPERS, QUILTER** Open 6 days a week. (989)348-9349. (1/11/07tf/4)

**CABIN LOGS** rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR10/16/08/5)

**TREE STAND** for hunting, mounts in tree, \$25. Electric dryer \$100. Washer \$75. 348-4320. (10/16/08tygd/5)

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**3 Employment**

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#### 1. Real Estate

#### 8. Announcements

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**KALKASKA EAGLES** 15854 M-72 West, taking bids for snowplowing. Bids need to be in by October 31, 2008. Submit bid at club. Open daily at 1 p.m. (-16/8)

**HALL FOR RENT** American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. Newly remodeled, smoke free. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-18-2-16-30-13-27-11-25/8)

**ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER** Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Thursday, October 16, 5-7 p.m. Buffet style turkey dinner. Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4, under 6 free. Carry outs available only between 4-5 p.m. (-9-16/8)

**PROPANE COST HAS DECREASED** We appreciate our customers and effective October 13, 2008, will pass this on to all. This propane decrease includes our customers who previously enrolled in one of our price protection plans. This is subject to change at any time but we will do our best to keep your propane cost down. Thank you for your business. Fick & Sons Inc. (10/16/08tf/8)

**BEAVER CREEK HAUNTED WOODS** October 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 30 and 31 from dark till 11 p.m. Held at Beaver Creek Township, Fletcher and South Grayling Roads. Admission \$5. Call 348-4737. Free donuts and cider. (-18-25-2-9-16/8)

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#### 8. Announcements

**ELECT ALBERT "MIKE" INGALLS** For Grayling Township Constable. Paid for by committee to elect Albert Ingalls, 1049 Heather Lane, Grayling. (-2-9-16-23/8)

**CRAWFORD AUSABLE DAY CARE** Preschool, 6989 Old Lake Rd., Grayling, MI, has openings for children in the preschool program, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Also in the day care program, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with preschool included. For more information or to register, call 989-348-7709. (-9-16/8)

#### 9. Personals

**STOLEN** Saturday, October 11. To the guy who stole the Red Hilti gun with the letters BK engraved. Anyone buying this gun from this young man, the tip is cracked and will blow if used. This is a long shot, but if you know the name of the young man please call me at 989-344-1629 so I can press charges against him. (-16/9)

**ADOPT** Loving, financially secure married couple hoping to adopt newborn. Please call Brian & Jaimie, 877-610-1802. (-25-2-6-9-16-23-30/9)

**WELCOME BACK** Justin "Manier" Michal! Glad you're back. Now work on the golf game. (-16/9)

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#### Crawford County Commission on Aging Board Meeting Schedule 2008-2009

Unless otherwise noted on the agenda, all meetings will be held at the Commission on Aging office in the Senior Center Dining Room located at 308 Lawndale St. in Grayling.

##### Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Meetings held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1 pm:

October 22nd  
November 26th

Christmas Holiday Exception: December 18th at 9:00 am

January 28th  
February 25th  
March 25th  
April 22nd  
May 27th  
June 24th  
July 22nd  
August 26th  
September 23rd

#### 10. Garage Sale

**YORTY'S ANTIQUES & BOOKS** Open Saturdays noon to 5 p.m. 25,000 used books, huge stock antiques. Co. Rd. 200, by West Branch Bank at Higgins Lake. 989-821-9242. (-25-2-9-16/10)

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